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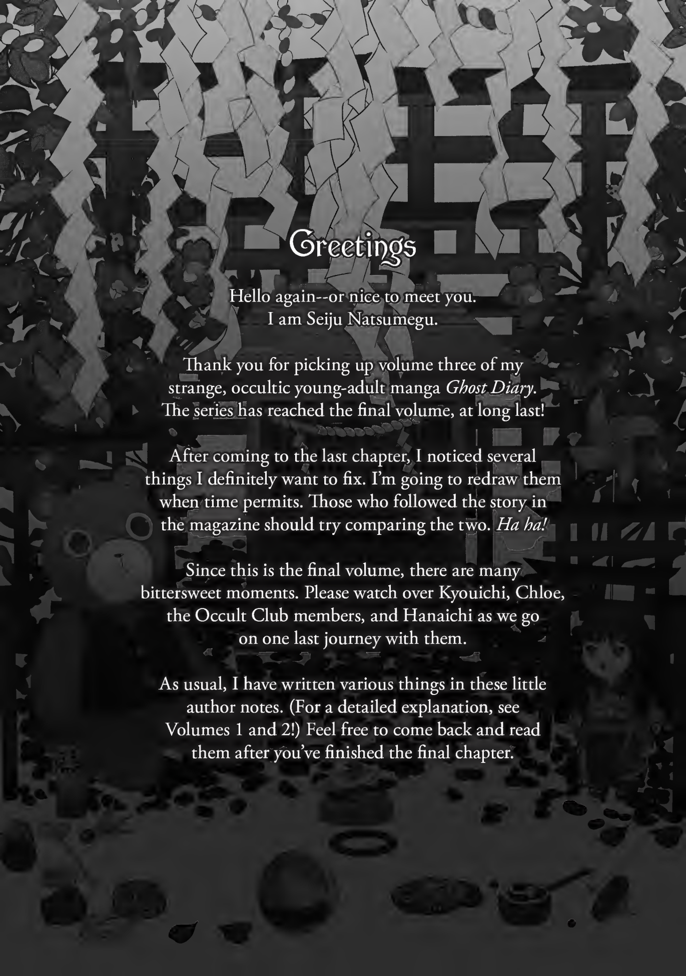
Sukami Evil Eradication



Greetings

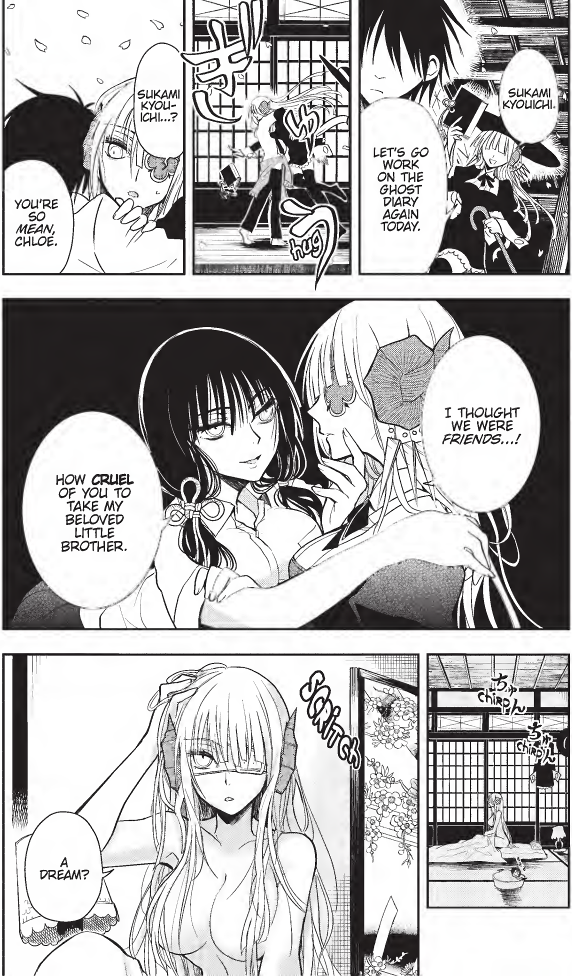
Hello again--or nice to meet you.
I am Seiju Natsumegu.

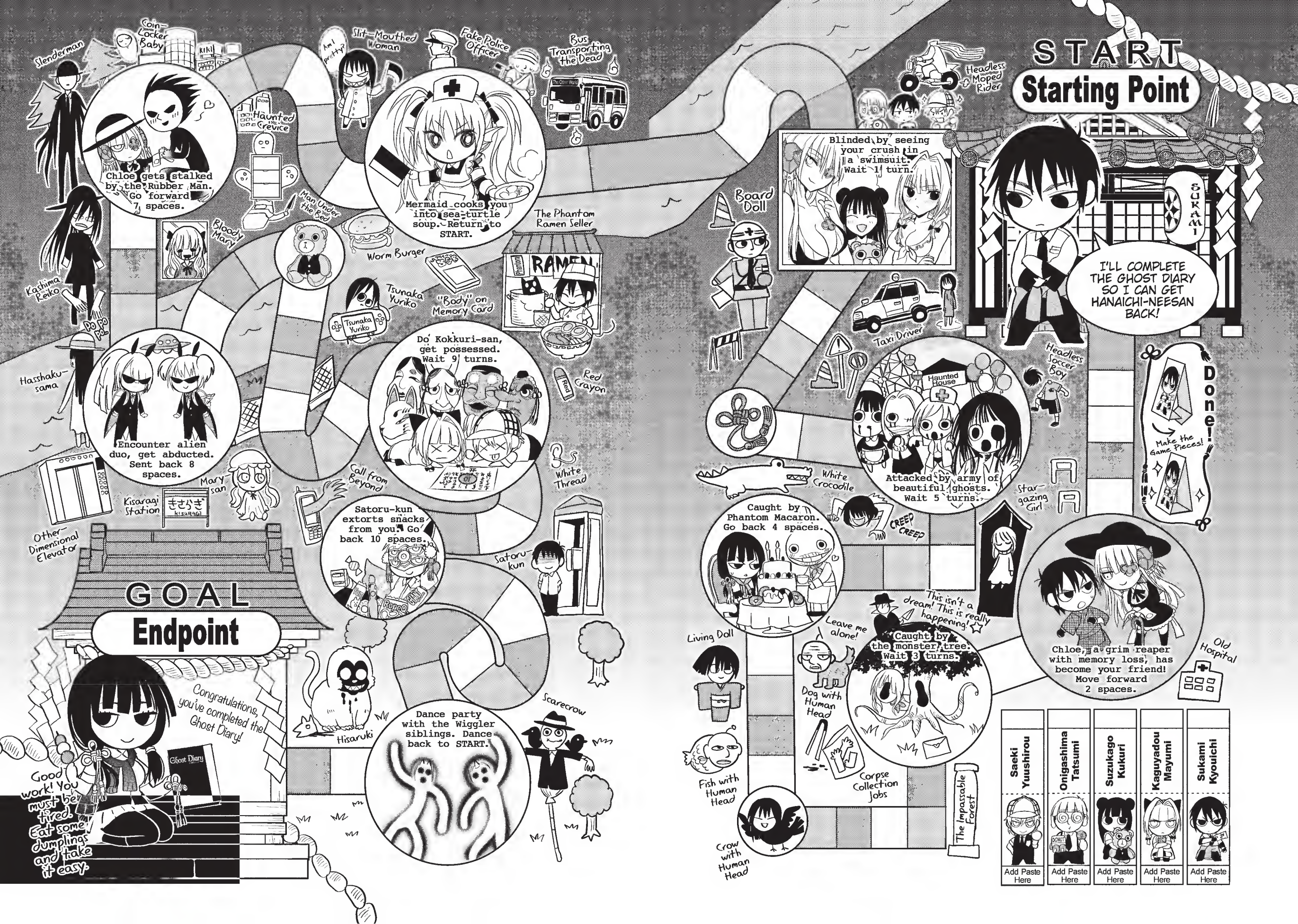
Thank you for picking up volume three of my strange, occultic young-adult manga *Ghost Diary*. The series has reached the final volume, at long last!

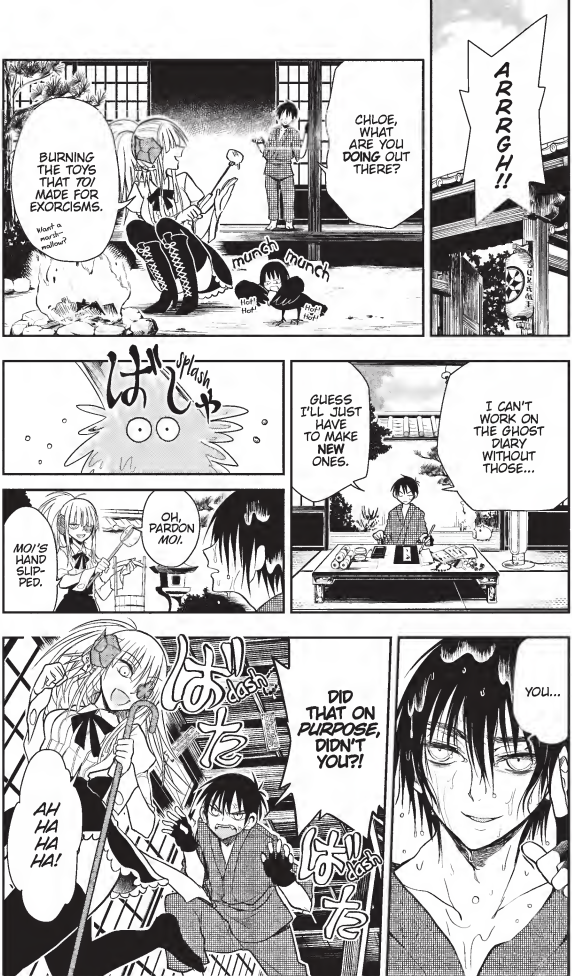
After coming to the last chapter, I noticed several things I definitely want to fix. I'm going to redraw them when time permits. Those who followed the story in the magazine should try comparing the two. *Ha ha!*

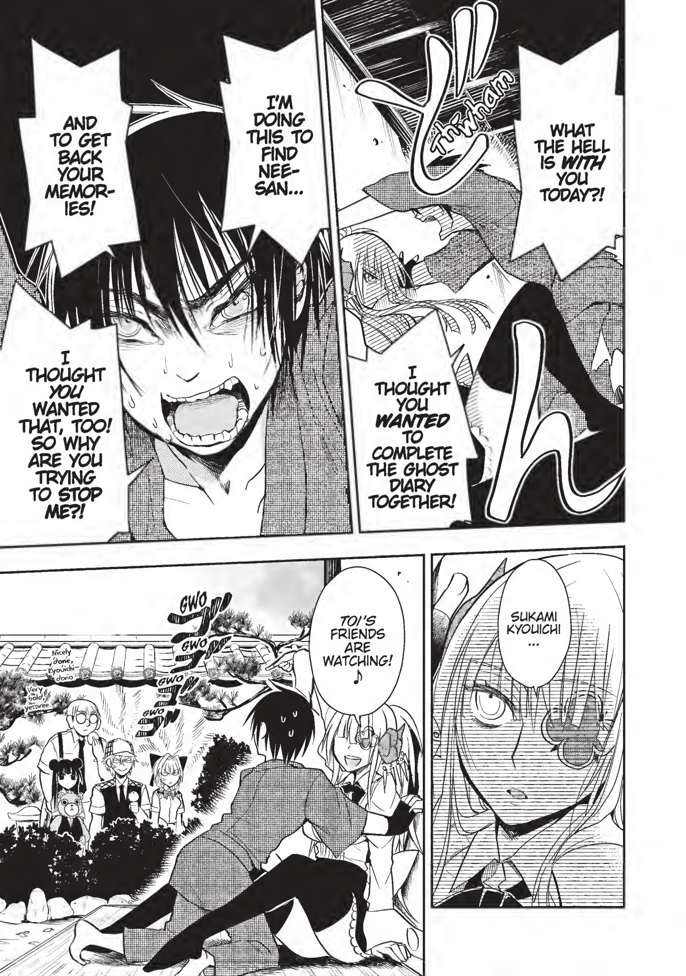
Since this is the final volume, there are many bittersweet moments. Please watch over Kyouichi, Chloe, the Occult Club members, and Hanaichi as we go on one last journey with them.

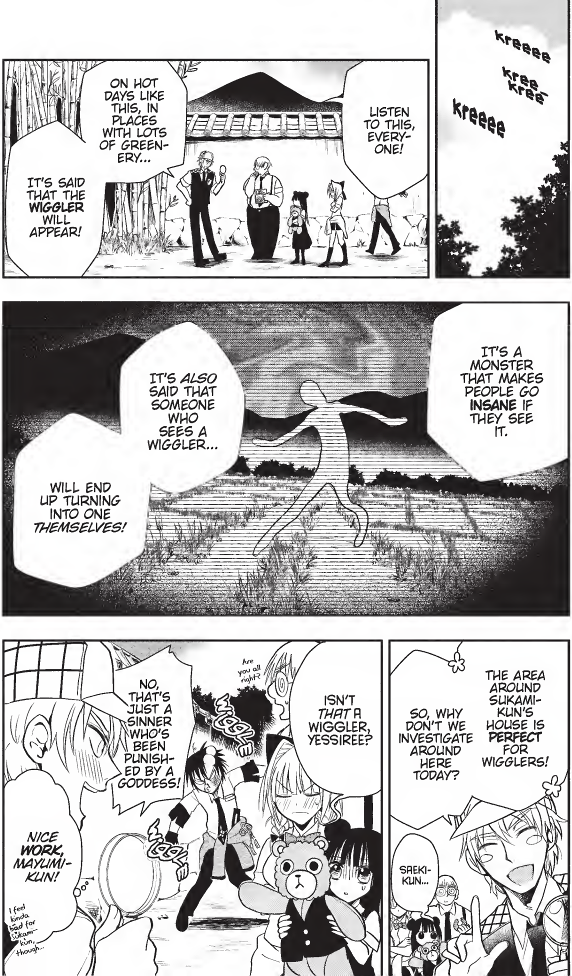
As usual, I have written various things in these little author notes. (For a detailed explanation, see Volumes 1 and 2!) Feel free to come back and read them after you've finished the final chapter.

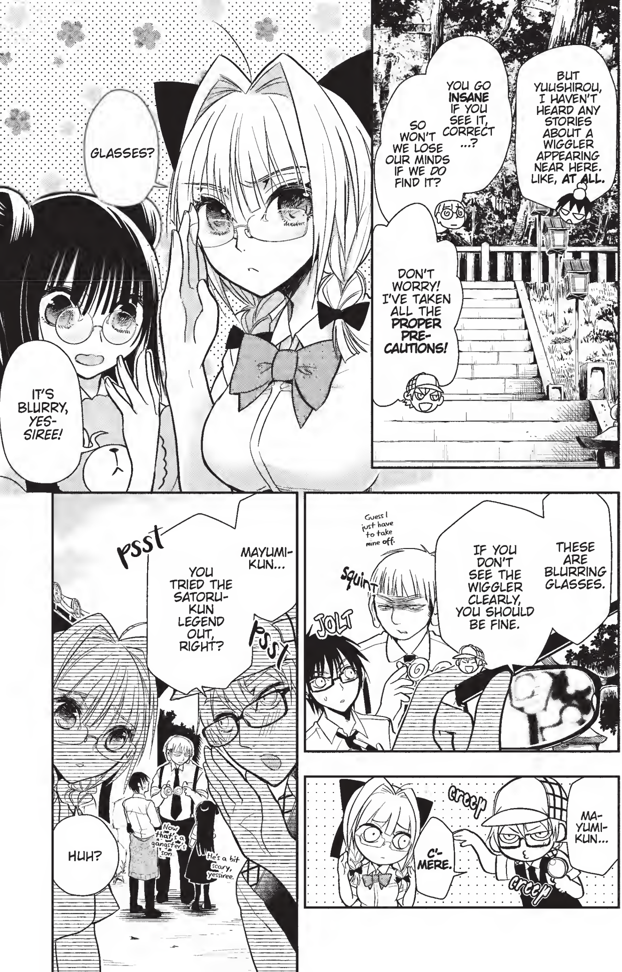

SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
LET'S GO WORK ON THE GHOST DIARY AGAIN TODAY.
hug
SUKAMI KYOUICHI...?
YOU'RE SO *MEAN*, CHLOE.
I THOUGHT WE WERE *FRIENDS*...!
HOW **CRUEL** OF YOU TO TAKE MY BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER.
ちゅ chirp ん
ちゅ chirp ん
SCRITCH
A DREAM?

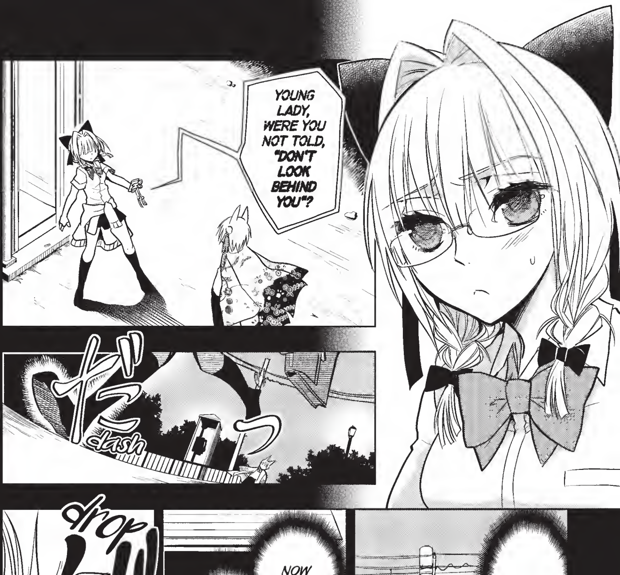

START
Starting Point
SUKAMI
I'LL COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY SO I CAN GET HANAICHI-NEESAN BACK!
Headless Moped Rider
Bus Transporting the Dead
The Other World
Fake Police Officer
Blinded by seeing your crush in a swimsuit. Wait 1 turn.
Board Doll
Taxi Driver
Headless Soccer Boy
Done!
Make the Game Pieces!
Haunted House
Attacked by army of beautiful ghosts. Wait 5 turns.
White Crocodile
CREEP CREEP
Star-gazing Girl
Caught by Phantom Macaron. Go back 4 spaces.
Chloe, a grim reaper with memory loss, has become your friend! Move forward 2 spaces.
Old Hospital
This isn't a dream! This is really happening!
Leave me alone!
Caught by the monster tree. Wait 3 turns.
Living Doll
Dog with Human Head
Fish with Human Head
Corpse Collection Jobs
Crow with Human Head
The Impassable Forest
Saeki Yuushirou
Onigashima Tatsumi
Suzukago Kukuri
Kaguyadou Mayumi
Sukami Kyouichi
Add Paste Here
Add Paste Here
Add Paste Here
Add Paste Here
Add Paste Here
Slit-Mouthed Woman
Am I pretty?
Mermaid cooks you into sea-turtle soup. Return to START.
The Phantom Ramen Seller
RAMEN
Worm Burger
Tsunaka Yuriko
"Body" on Memory Card
Do Kokkuri-san, get possessed. Wait 9 turns.
Red Crayon
White Thread
Call from Beyond
Satoru-kun extorts snacks from you. Go back 10 spaces.
Satoru-kun
Scarecrow
Dance party with the Wiggler siblings. Dance back to START.
Hisaruki
Coin-Locker Baby
Slenderman
Chloe gets stalked by the Rubber Man. Go forward 7 spaces.
Haunted Crevice
Man Under the Bed
Bloody Mary
Kashima Reiko
Po po po
Hasshaku-sama
Encounter alien duo, get abducted. Sent back 8 spaces.
Mary-san
Kisaragi Station
きさらぎ
KISARAGI
Other-Dimensional Elevator
GOAL
Endpoint
Congratulations, you've completed the Ghost Diary!
Ghost Diary
Good work! You must be tired. Eat some dumplings and take it easy.

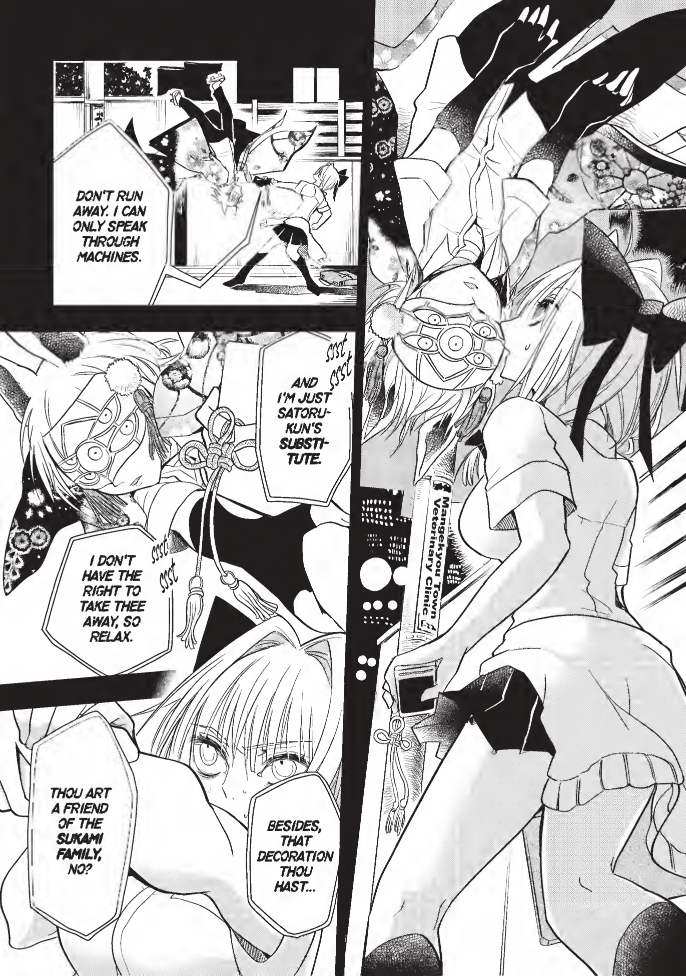

ARRRGH!!
SUKAMI
CHLOE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT THERE?
BURNING THE TOYS THAT *TOI* MADE FOR EXORCISMS.
Want a marsh-mallow?
munch munch
Hot! Hot!
Hot! Hot!
I CAN'T WORK ON THE GHOST DIARY WITHOUT THOSE...
GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE **NEW** ONES.
ばしゃ splash
OH, PARDON *MOI.*
MOI'S HAND SLIPPED.
YOU...
DID THAT ON *PURPOSE,* DIDN'T YOU?!
ばた dash
Sukami Evil Eradication
Sukami Evil Eradication
AH HA HA HA!
ばた dash

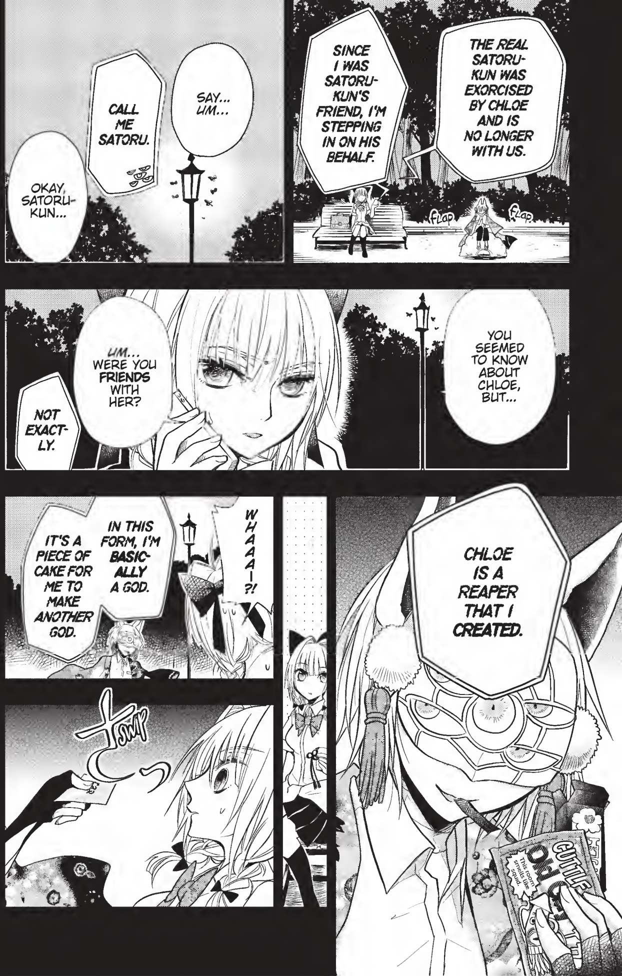

Thwham
WHAT THE HELL IS *WITH* YOU TODAY?!
I THOUGHT YOU ***WANTED*** TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY TOGETHER!
I'M DOING THIS TO FIND NEE-SAN...
AND TO GET BACK YOUR MEMORIES!
I THOUGHT *YOU* WANTED THAT, TOO! SO WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO STOP ME?!
SUKAMI KYOUICHI ...
TOI'S FRIENDS ARE WATCHING! ♪
GWO
GWO
GWO
GWO
Nicely done, Kyouichi-dono
Very bold! yessiree

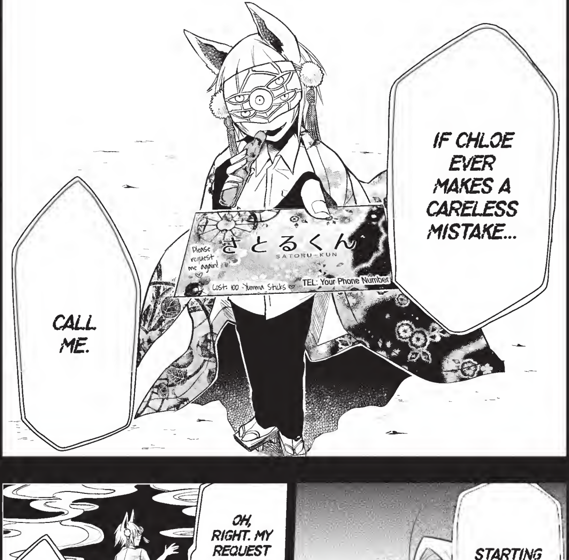

kreeee
kree-kree
kreeee
LISTEN TO THIS, EVERYONE!
ON HOT DAYS LIKE THIS, IN PLACES WITH LOTS OF GREENERY...
IT'S SAID THAT THE **WIGGLER** WILL APPEAR!
IT'S A MONSTER THAT MAKES PEOPLE GO **INSANE** IF THEY SEE IT.
IT'S *ALSO* SAID THAT SOMEONE WHO SEES A WIGGLER...
WILL END UP TURNING INTO ONE *THEMSELVES!*
THE AREA AROUND SUKAMI-KUN'S HOUSE IS **PERFECT** FOR WIGGLERS!
SO, WHY DON'T WE INVESTIGATE AROUND HERE TODAY?
SAEKI-KUN...
ISN'T *THAT* A WIGGLER, YESSIREE?
Are you all right?
NO, THAT'S JUST A SINNER WHO'S BEEN PUNISHED BY A GODDESS!
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
*NICE **WORK**, MAYUMI-KUN!*
I feel kinda bad for Sukami-kun, though...

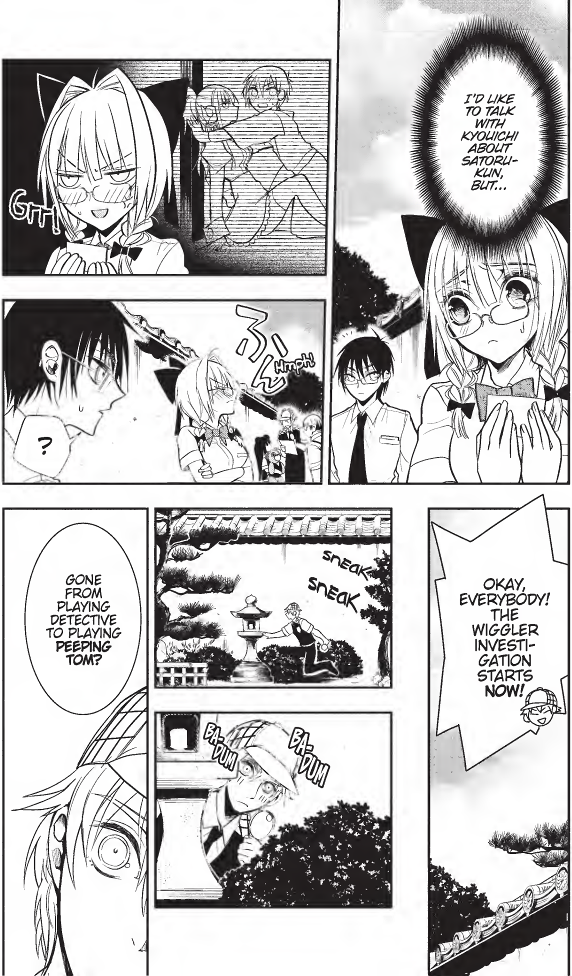

BUT YUUSHIROU, I HAVEN'T HEARD ANY STORIES ABOUT A WIGGLER APPEARING NEAR HERE. LIKE, AT ALL.
YOU GO INSANE IF YOU SEE IT, CORRECT ...?
SO WON'T WE LOSE OUR MINDS IF WE DO FIND IT?
DON'T WORRY! I'VE TAKEN ALL THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS!
GLASSES?
IT'S BLURRY, YES-SIREE!
THESE ARE BLURRING GLASSES.
IF YOU DON'T SEE THE WIGGLER CLEARLY, YOU SHOULD BE FINE.
Guess I just have to take mine off.
squint
JOLT
MA-YUMI-KUN...
C'-MERE.
creep
creep
psst
MAYUMI-KUN...
YOU TRIED THE SATORU-KUN LEGEND OUT, RIGHT?
psst
HUH?
Now that's a gangster's son
He's a bit scary, yessiree.

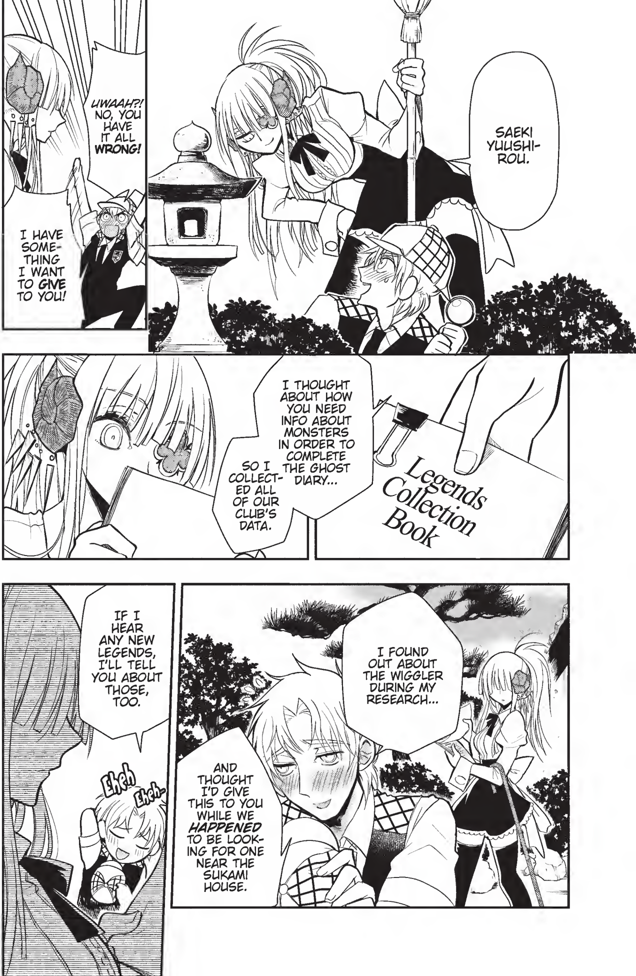

YOUNG LADY, WERE YOU NOT TOLD, "DON'T LOOK BEHIND YOU"?
ずっ
dash
CRAP!
I LOOKED BACK WITHOUT THINKING!
NOW SATORU-KUN...
WILL TAKE ME AWAY!
げっ
drop

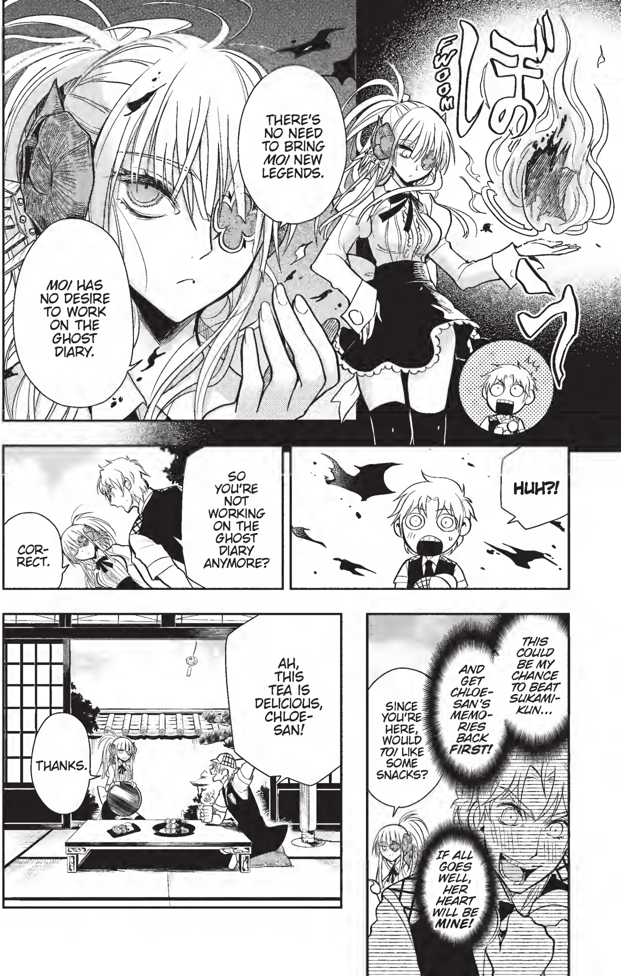

Mangekyou Town Veterinary Clinic
DON'T RUN AWAY. I CAN ONLY SPEAK THROUGH MACHINES.
SSST SSST
AND I'M JUST SATORU-KUN'S SUBSTITUTE.
SSST SSST
I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE THEE AWAY, SO RELAX.
BESIDES, THAT DECORATION THOU HAST...
THOU ART A FRIEND OF THE SUKAMI FAMILY, NO?

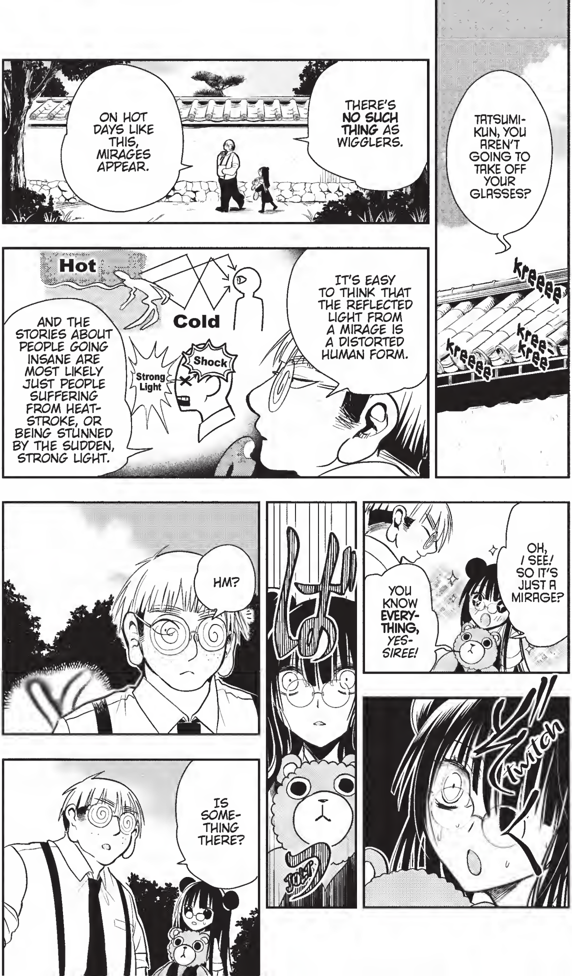

THE REAL SATORU-KUN WAS EXORCISED BY CHLOE AND IS NO LONGER WITH US.
SINCE I WAS SATORU-KUN'S FRIEND, I'M STEPPING IN ON HIS BEHALF.
FLAP
FLAP
SAY... UM...
CALL ME SATORU.
OKAY, SATORU-KUN...
YOU SEEMED TO KNOW ABOUT CHLOE, BUT...
UM... WERE YOU FRIENDS WITH HER?
NOT EXACTLY.
CHLOE IS A REAPER THAT I CREATED.
CUTTLEFISH
This room smells like squid.
WHAAAAI?!
IN THIS FORM, I'M BASICALLY A GOD.
IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME TO MAKE ANOTHER GOD.
TSWP

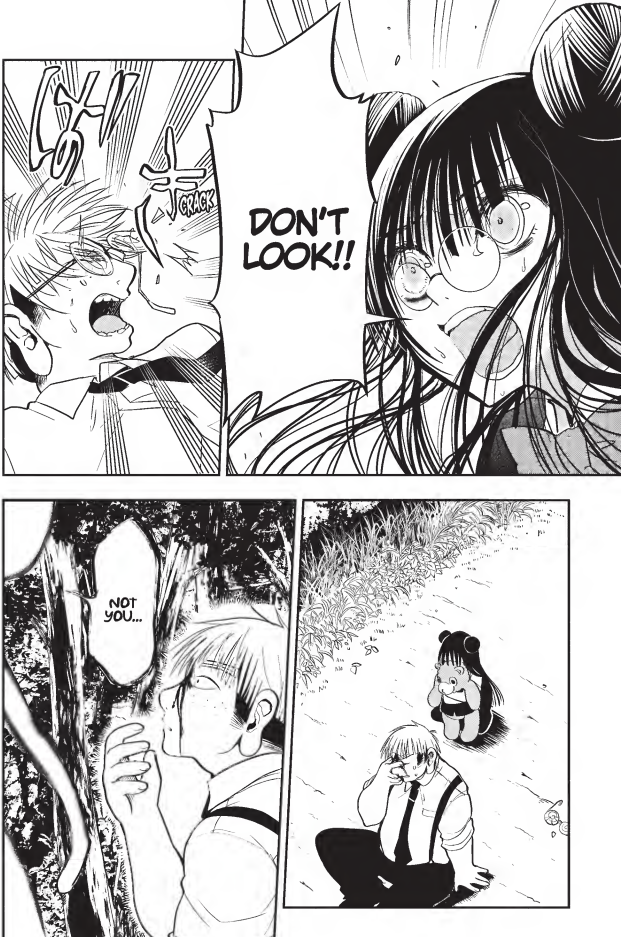

IF CHLOE EVER MAKES A CARELESS MISTAKE...
さとるくん
SATORU-KUN
Please request me again! ♡
Cost: 100 Yumma Sticks ♡
TEL: Your Phone Number
CALL ME.
STARTING TODAY...
THOU ART MY PATRON.
OH, RIGHT. MY REQUEST FEE IS 100 YUMMA STICKS.
SO LONG!
CLICK!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

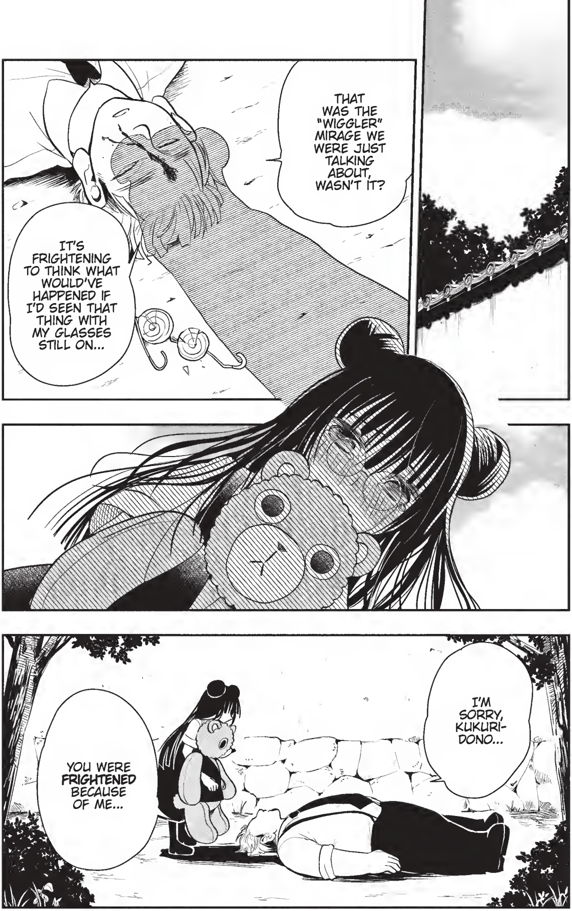

I'D LIKE TO TALK WITH KYOUICHI ABOUT SATORU-KUN, BUT...
Grr!
ふん
Hmph!
?
OKAY, EVERYBODY! THE WIGGLER INVESTIGATION STARTS NOW!
sneak
sneak
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
GONE FROM PLAYING DETECTIVE TO PLAYING PEEPING TOM?

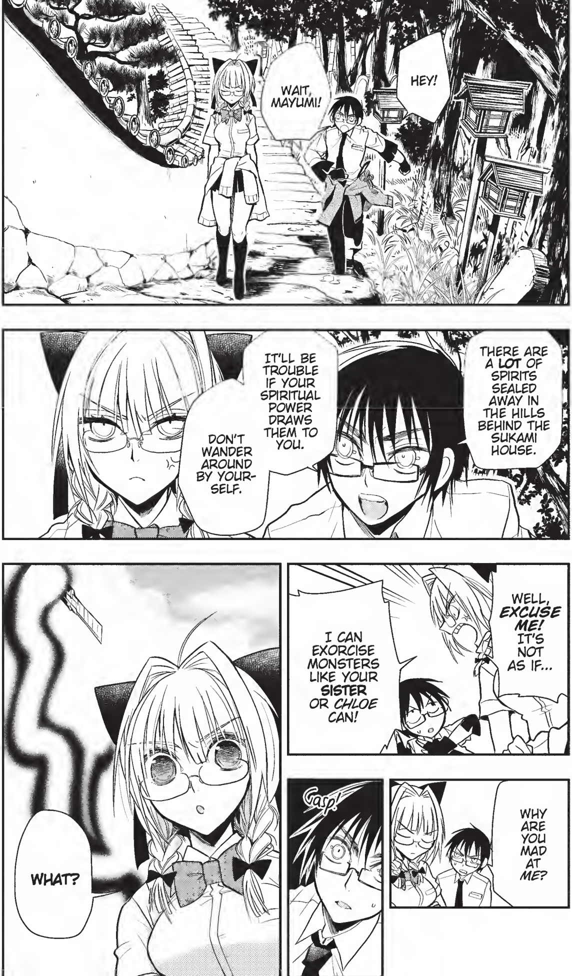

SAEKI YUUSHIROU.
UWAAH?! NO, YOU HAVE IT ALL **WRONG!**
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO **GIVE** TO YOU!
Legends Collection Book
I THOUGHT ABOUT HOW YOU NEED INFO ABOUT MONSTERS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY...
SO I COLLECTED ALL OF OUR CLUB'S DATA.
I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE WIGGLER DURING MY RESEARCH...
AND THOUGHT I'D GIVE THIS TO YOU WHILE WE *HAPPENED* TO BE LOOKING FOR ONE NEAR THE SUKAMI HOUSE.
IF I HEAR ANY NEW LEGENDS, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THOSE, TOO.
Eheh
Eheh-

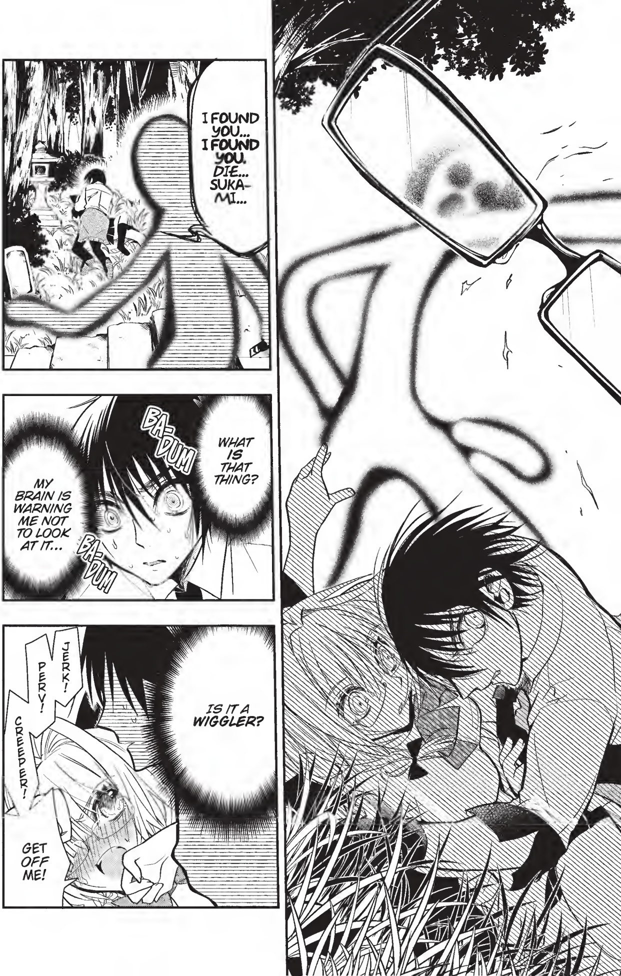

ぼっ
FWOOM
THERE'S NO NEED TO BRING *MOI* NEW LEGENDS.
MOI HAS NO DESIRE TO WORK ON THE GHOST DIARY.
HUH?!
SO YOU'RE NOT WORKING ON THE GHOST DIARY ANYMORE?
CORRECT.
THIS COULD BE MY CHANCE TO BEAT SUKAMI-KUN...
AND GET CHLOE-SAN'S MEMORIES BACK **FIRST!**
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WOULD *TOI* LIKE SOME SNACKS?
IF ALL GOES WELL, HER HEART WILL BE **MINE!**
AH, THIS TEA IS DELICIOUS, CHLOE-SAN!
THANKS.

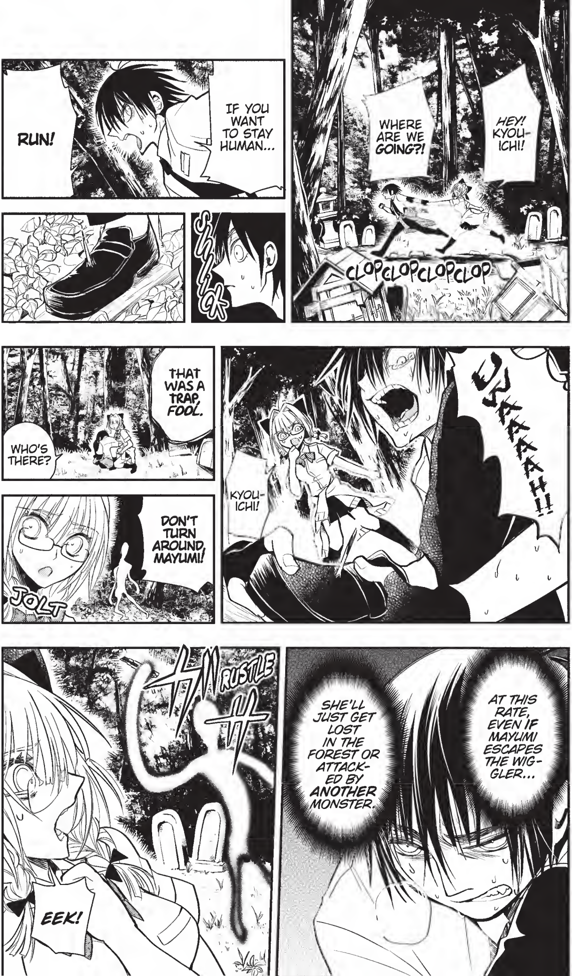

TATSUMI-KUN, YOU AREN'T GOING TO TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES?
kreeee
kree-kree
kreeee
THERE'S **NO SUCH THING** AS WIGGLERS.
ON HOT DAYS LIKE THIS, MIRAGES APPEAR.
IT'S EASY TO THINK THAT THE REFLECTED LIGHT FROM A MIRAGE IS A DISTORTED HUMAN FORM.
Hot
Cold
Shock
Strong Light
AND THE STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE GOING INSANE ARE MOST LIKELY JUST PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM HEATSTROKE, OR BEING STUNNED BY THE SUDDEN, STRONG LIGHT.
OH, I SEE! SO IT'S JUST A MIRAGE?
YOU KNOW **EVERYTHING**, *YES-SIREE!*
twitch
JOLT
HM?
IS SOMETHING THERE?

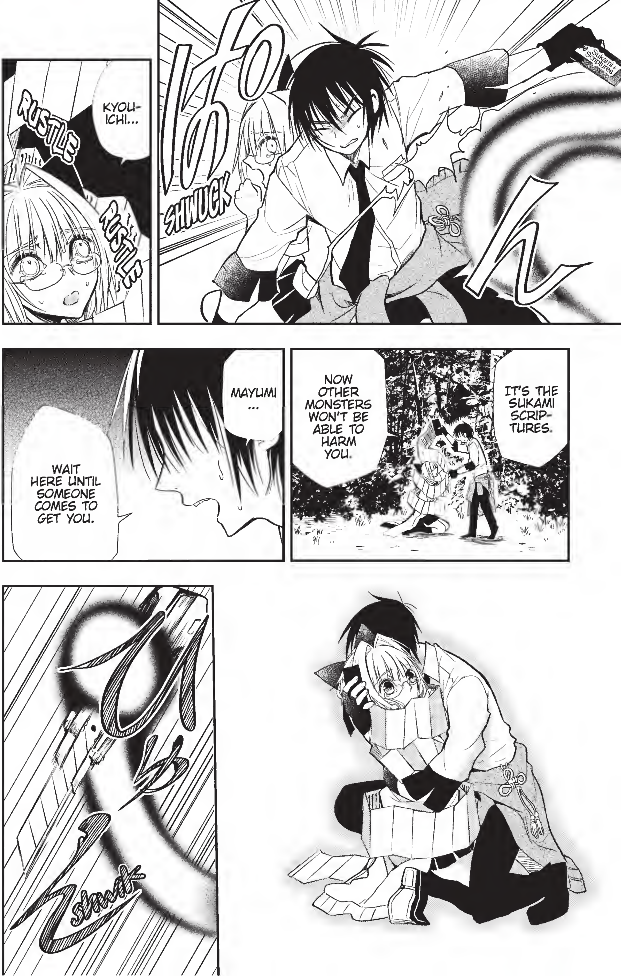

DON'T LOOK!!
CRACK
NOT YOU...

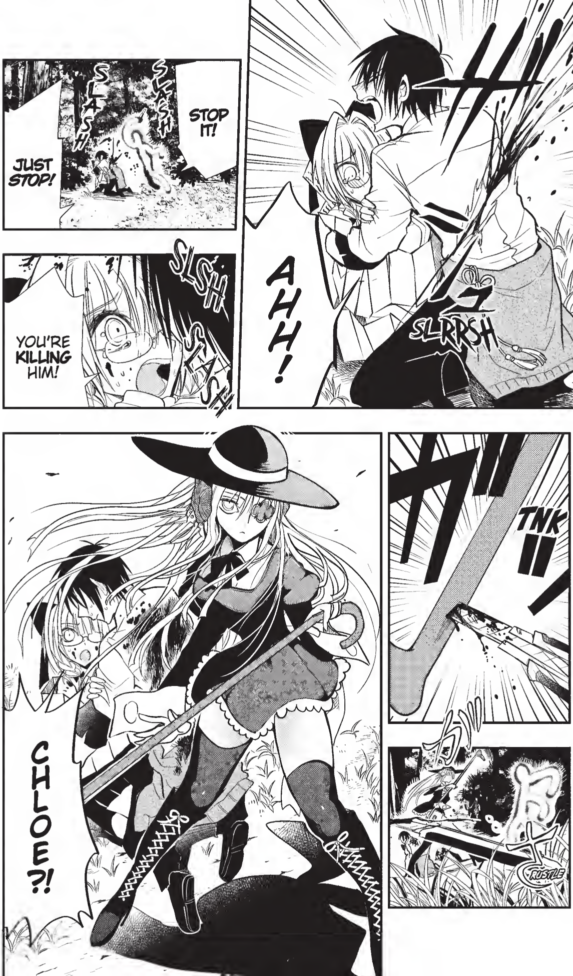

THAT WAS THE "WIGGLER" MIRAGE WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT, WASN'T IT?
IT'S FRIGHTENING TO THINK WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I'D SEEN THAT THING WITH MY GLASSES STILL ON...
I'M SORRY, KUKURI-DONO...
YOU WERE **FRIGHTENED** BECAUSE OF ME...

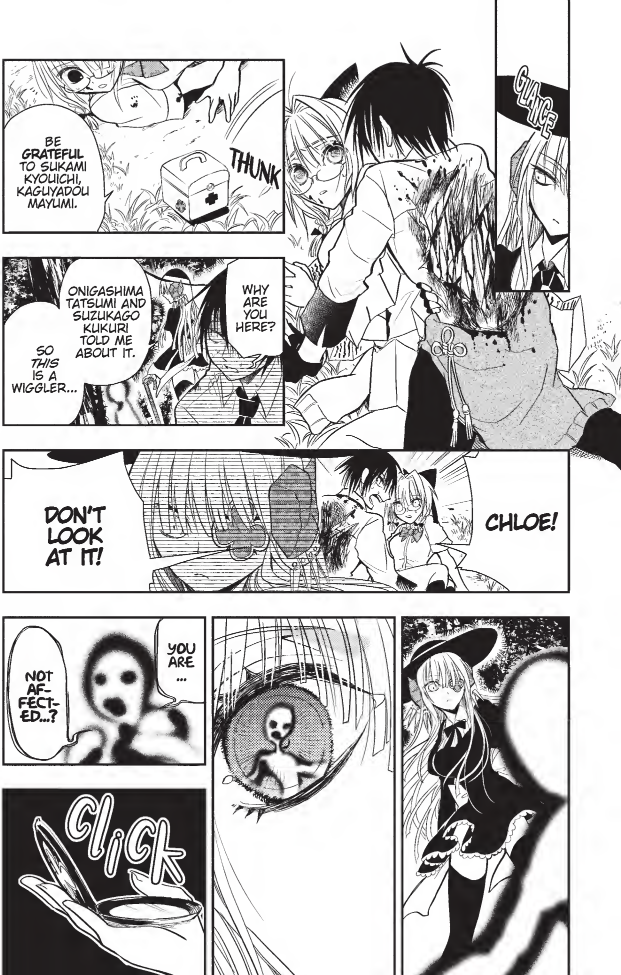

HEY!
WAIT, MAYUMI!
THERE ARE A LOT OF SPIRITS SEALED AWAY IN THE HILLS BEHIND THE SUKAMI HOUSE.
IT'LL BE TROUBLE IF YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER DRAWS THEM TO YOU.
DON'T WANDER AROUND BY YOURSELF.
WELL, EXCUSE ME! IT'S NOT AS IF...
I CAN EXORCISE MONSTERS LIKE YOUR SISTER OR CHLOE CAN!
WHY ARE YOU MAD AT ME?
Gasp!
WHAT?

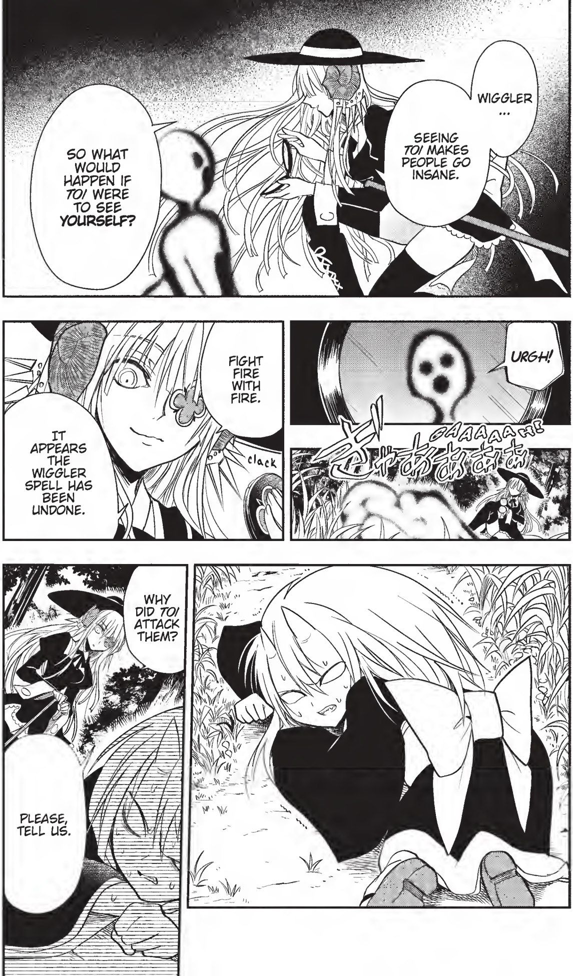

I FOUND YOU... I FOUND YOU. DIE... SUKA-MI...
WHAT IS THAT THING?
BA-DUM
MY BRAIN IS WARNING ME NOT TO LOOK AT IT...
BA-DUM
IS IT A WIGGLER?
JERK!
PERV!
CREEPER!
GET OFF ME!

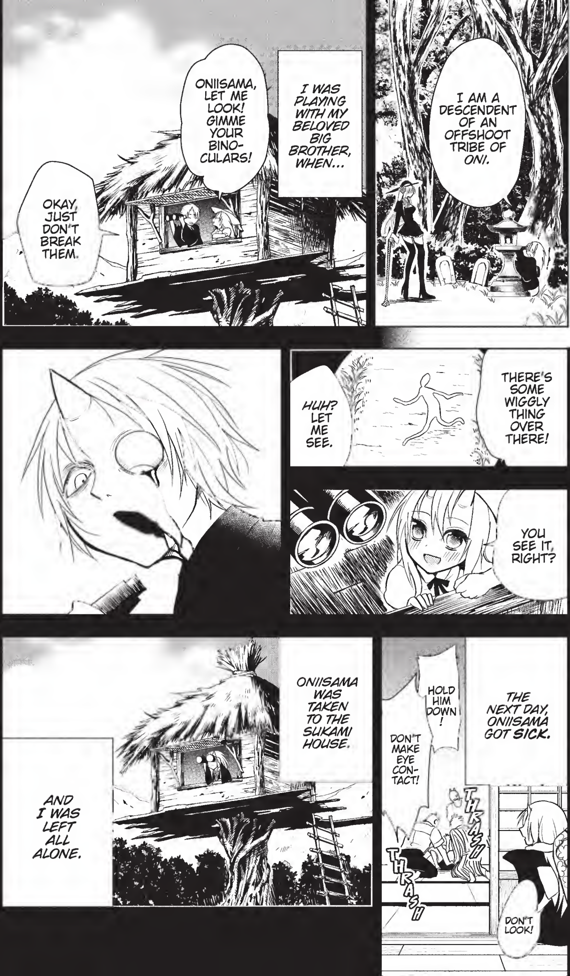

HEY! KYOU-ICHI!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?!
CLOPCLOPCLOPCLOP
IF YOU WANT TO STAY HUMAN...
RUN!
SHLICK
UWAAAAH!!
KYOU-ICHI!
THAT WAS A TRAP, FOOL.
WHO'S THERE?
DON'T TURN AROUND, MAYUMI!
JOLT
AT THIS RATE, EVEN IF MAYUMI ESCAPES THE WIGGLER...
SHE'LL JUST GET LOST IN THE FOREST OR ATTACKED BY ANOTHER MONSTER.
HAH
RUSTLE
HH
EEK!

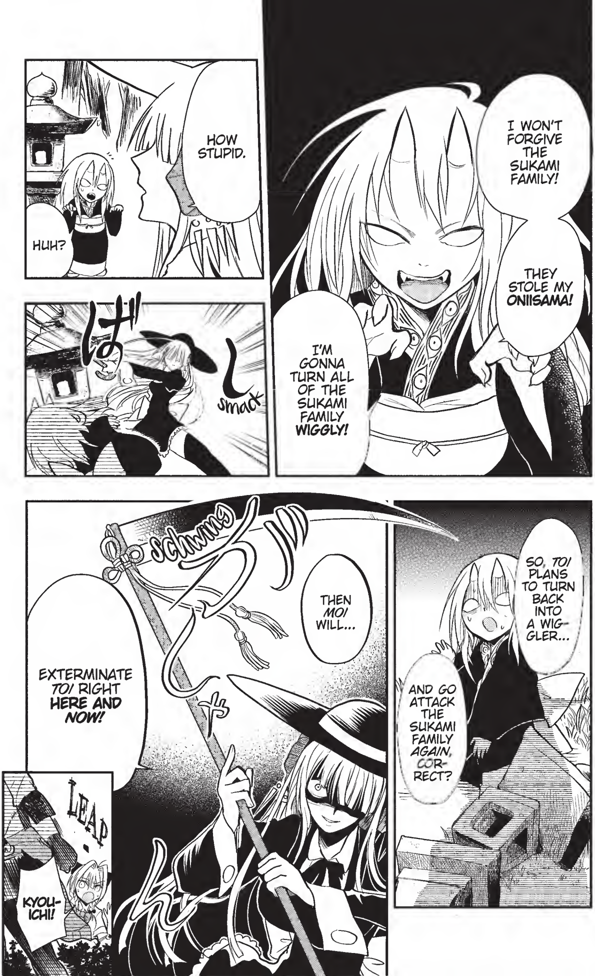

Sukami Scriptures
SHWUCK
KYOU-ICHI...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
IT'S THE SUKAMI SCRIPTURES.
NOW OTHER MONSTERS WON'T BE ABLE TO HARM YOU.
MAYUMI ...
WAIT HERE UNTIL SOMEONE COMES TO GET YOU.
shwik

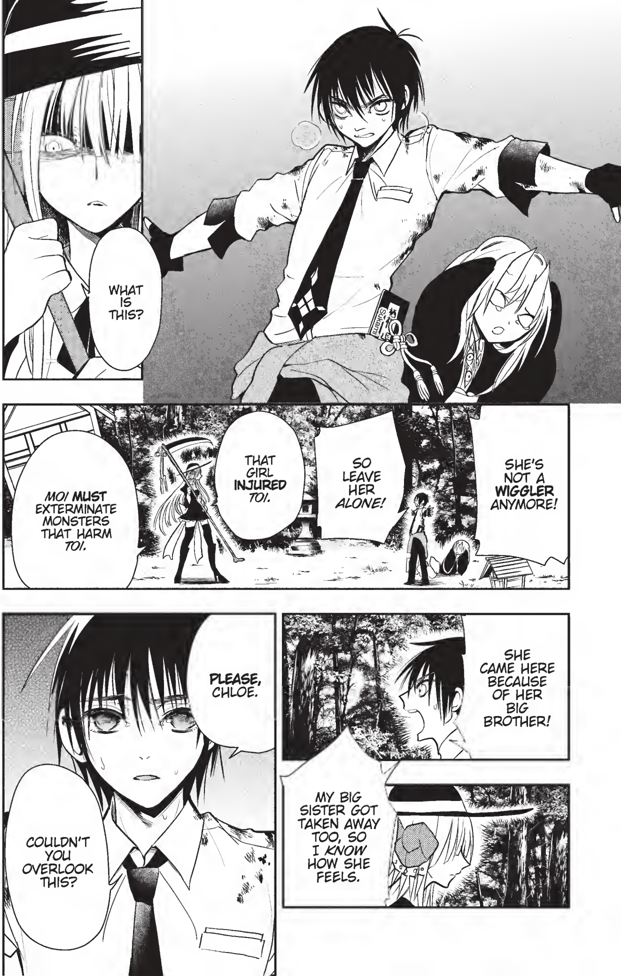

AHH!
SLRRSH
SLASH
SLASH
STOP IT!
JUST STOP!
SLSH
SLASH
YOU'RE KILLING HIM!
TNK
RUSTLE
CHLOE?!

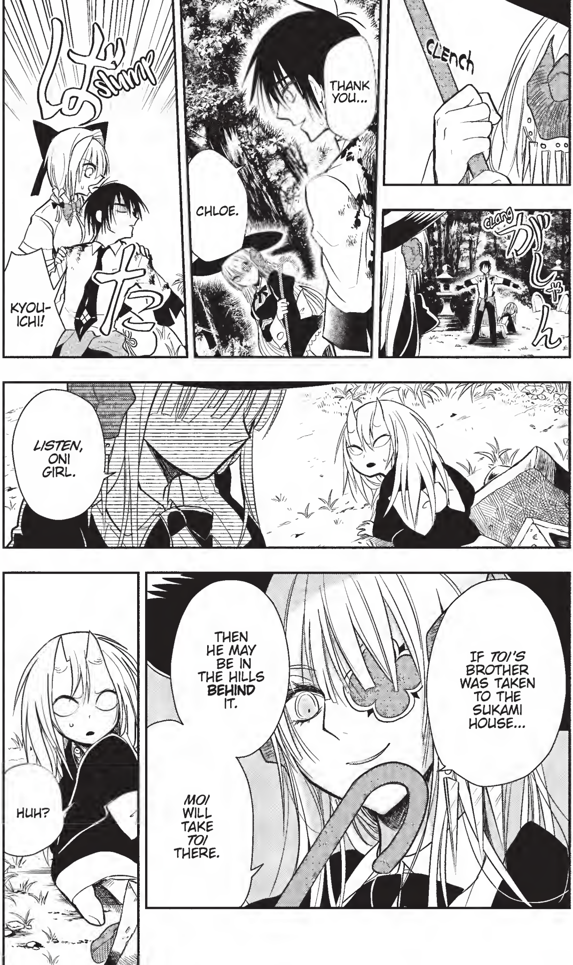

GLANCE
THUNK
BE GRATEFUL TO SUKAMI KYOUICHI, KAGUYADOU MAYUMI.
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
ONIGASHIMA TATSUMI AND SUZUKAGO KUKURI TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
SO *THIS* IS A WIGGLER...
CHLOE!
DON'T LOOK AT IT!
YOU ARE ...
NOT AF-FECT-ED...?
CLICK

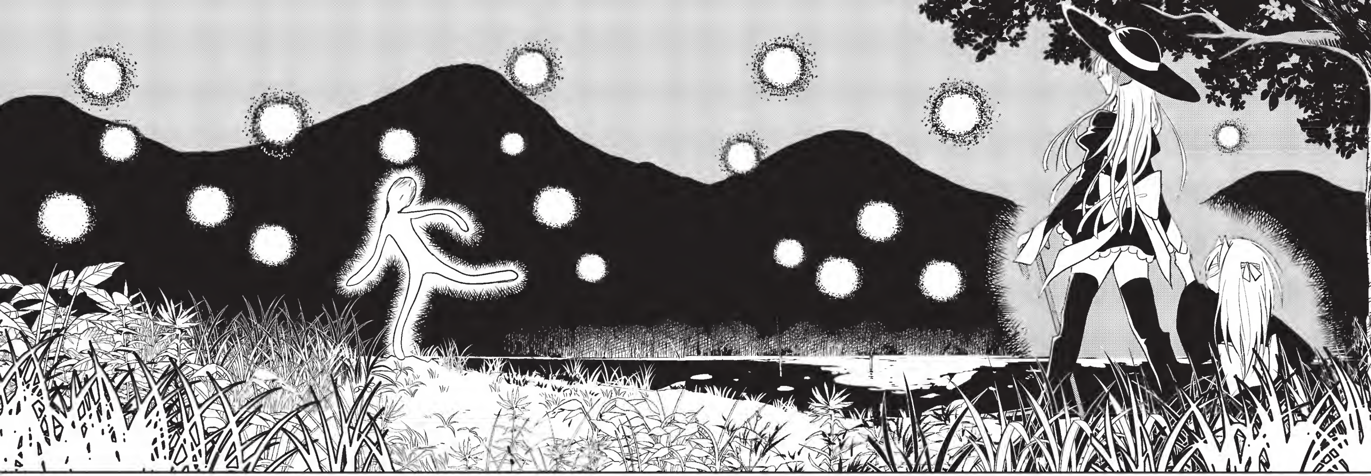

WIGGLER …
SEEING *TOI* MAKES PEOPLE GO INSANE.
SO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF *TOI* WERE TO SEE **YOURSELF?**
URGH!
ぎゃあああああ
GAAAAAAH!
FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE.
IT APPEARS THE WIGGLER SPELL HAS BEEN UNDONE.
clack
WHY DID *TOI* ATTACK THEM?
PLEASE, TELL US.

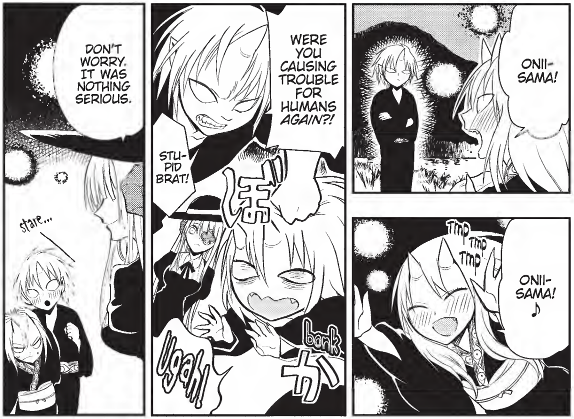

I AM A DESCENDENT OF AN OFFSHOOT TRIBE OF *ONI*.
I WAS PLAYING WITH MY BELOVED BIG BROTHER, WHEN...
ONIISAMA, LET ME LOOK! GIMME YOUR BINOCULARS!
OKAY, JUST DON'T BREAK THEM.
THERE'S SOME WIGGLY THING OVER THERE!
HUH? LET ME SEE.
YOU SEE IT, RIGHT?
THE NEXT DAY, ONIISAMA GOT **SICK.**
HOLD HIM DOWN!
DON'T MAKE EYE CONTACT!
THRASH
THRASH
DON'T LOOK!
ONIISAMA WAS TAKEN TO THE SUKAMI HOUSE.
AND I WAS LEFT ALL ALONE.


I WON'T FORGIVE THE SUKAMI FAMILY!
THEY STOLE MY ONIISAMA!
I'M GONNA TURN ALL OF THE SUKAMI FAMILY WIGGLY!
HOW STUPID.
HUH?
ばし
smack
SO, TOI PLANS TO TURN BACK INTO A WIGGLER...
AND GO ATTACK THE SUKAMI FAMILY AGAIN, CORRECT?
schwing
THEN MOI WILL...
EXTERMINATE TOI RIGHT HERE AND NOW!
LEAP
KYOUICHI!


WHAT IS THIS?
Sukami
SHE'S NOT A WIGGLER ANYMORE!
SO LEAVE HER ALONE!
THAT GIRL INJURED TOI.
MOI MUST EXTERMINATE MONSTERS THAT HARM TOI.
SHE CAME HERE BECAUSE OF HER BIG BROTHER!
MY BIG SISTER GOT TAKEN AWAY TOO, SO I KNOW HOW SHE FEELS.
PLEASE, CHLOE.
COULDN'T YOU OVERLOOK THIS?


CLENCH
CLANG
がしゃん
THANK YOU...
CHLOE.
しゅん
SHUNNP
すっ
KYOU-ICHI!
LISTEN, ONI GIRL.
IF *TOI'S* BROTHER WAS TAKEN TO THE SUKAMI HOUSE...
THEN HE MAY BE IN THE HILLS **BEHIND** IT.
MOI WILL TAKE *TOI* THERE.
HUH?




ONII-SAMA!
Tmp Tmp Tmp
ONII-SAMA! ♪
WERE YOU CAUSING TROUBLE FOR HUMANS *AGAIN?!*
STU-PID BRAT!
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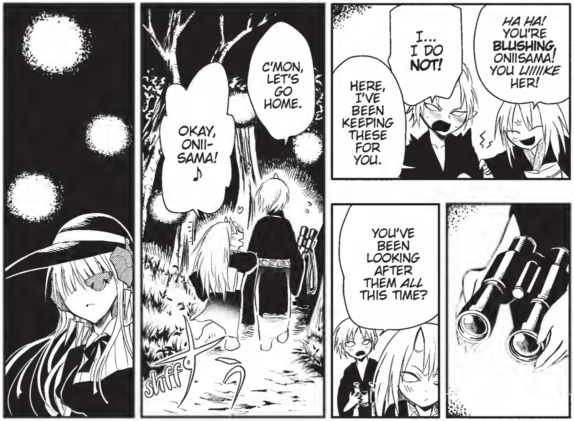
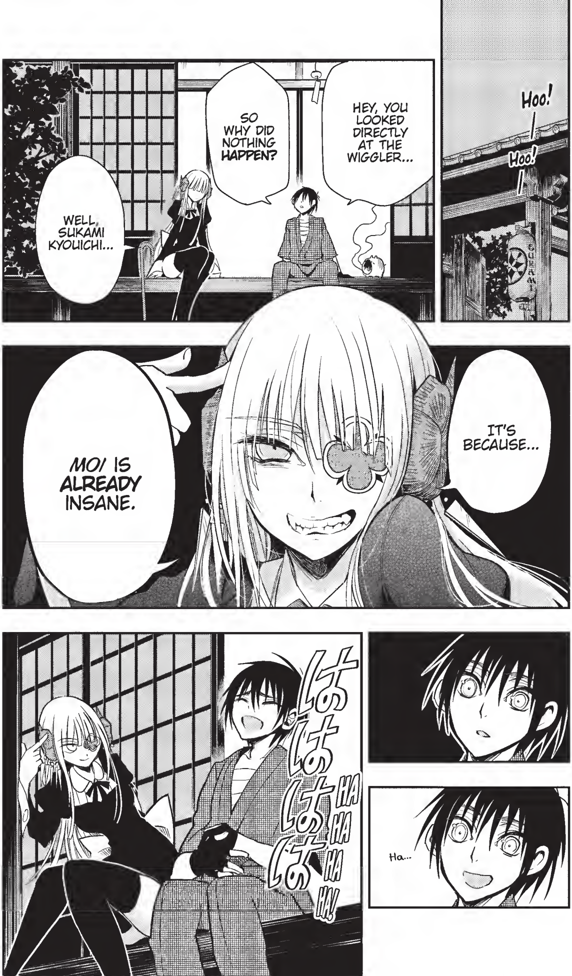
カ
bonk
Ugah!
DON'T WORRY. IT WAS NOTHING SERIOUS.
stare...


HA HA! YOU'RE **BLUSHING,** *ONIISAMA! YOU LIIIIIKE HER!*
I... I DO **NOT!**
HERE, I'VE BEEN KEEPING THESE FOR YOU.
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER THEM *ALL* THIS TIME?
C'MON, LET'S GO HOME.
OKAY, ONII-SAMA! ♪
shfff


Hoo!
Hoo!
SUKAMI
HEY, YOU LOOKED DIRECTLY AT THE WIGGLER...
SO WHY DID NOTHING HAPPEN?
WELL, SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
IT'S BECAUSE...
MOI IS ALREADY INSANE.
Ha...
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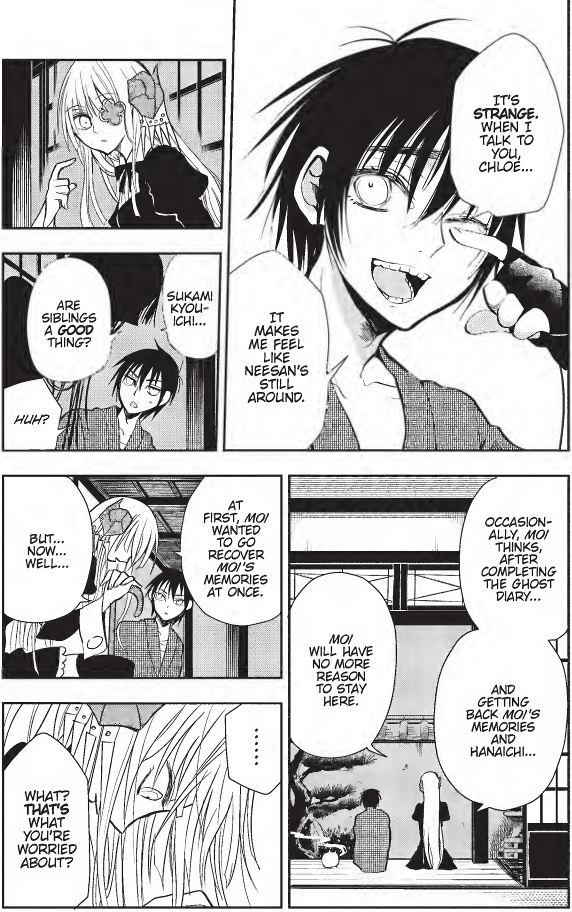
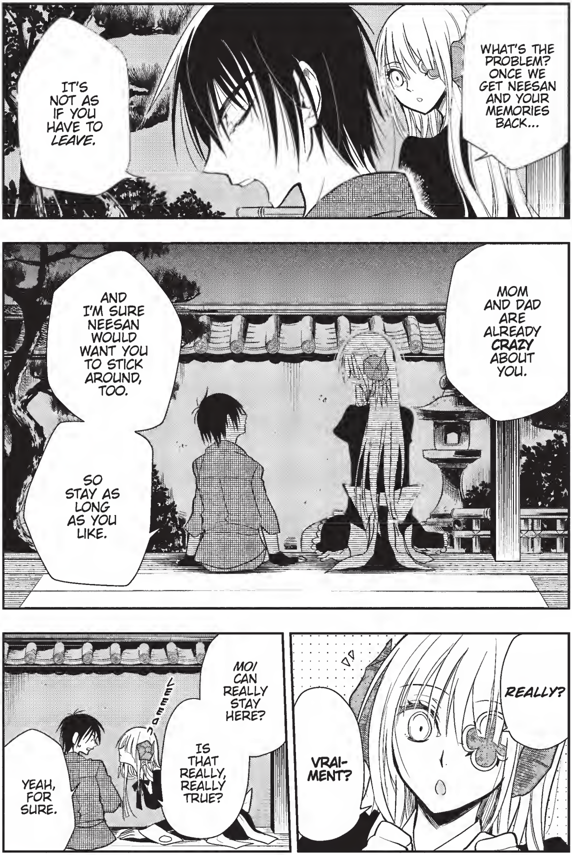
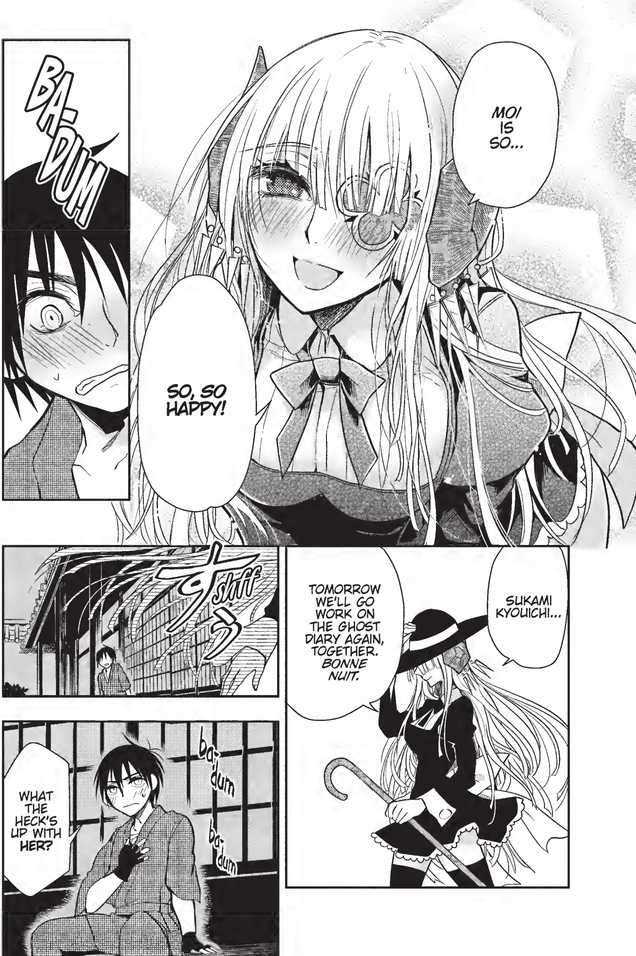
HA HA HA HA HA!


IT'S **STRANGE.** WHEN I TALK TO YOU, CHLOE...
IT MAKES ME FEEL LIKE NEESAN'S STILL AROUND.
SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
ARE SIBLINGS A **GOOD** THING?
HUH?
OCCASIONALLY, *MOI* THINKS, AFTER COMPLETING THE GHOST DIARY...
AND GETTING BACK *MOI'S* MEMORIES AND HANAICHI...
MOI WILL HAVE NO MORE REASON TO STAY HERE.
AT FIRST, *MOI* WANTED TO GO RECOVER *MOI'S* MEMORIES AT ONCE.
BUT... NOW... WELL...
......
WHAT? **THAT'S** WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?


WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? ONCE WE GET NEESAN AND YOUR MEMORIES BACK...
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU HAVE TO *LEAVE.*
MOM AND DAD ARE ALREADY **CRAZY** ABOUT YOU.
AND I'M SURE NEESAN WOULD WANT YOU TO STICK AROUND, TOO.
SO STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
REALLY?
VRAIMENT?
LEEEEAN
MOI CAN REALLY STAY HERE?
IS THAT REALLY, REALLY TRUE?
YEAH, FOR SURE.


MOI IS SO...
SO, SO HAPPY!
BA-DUM
SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
TOMORROW WE'LL GO WORK ON THE GHOST DIARY AGAIN, TOGETHER. *BONNE NUIT.*
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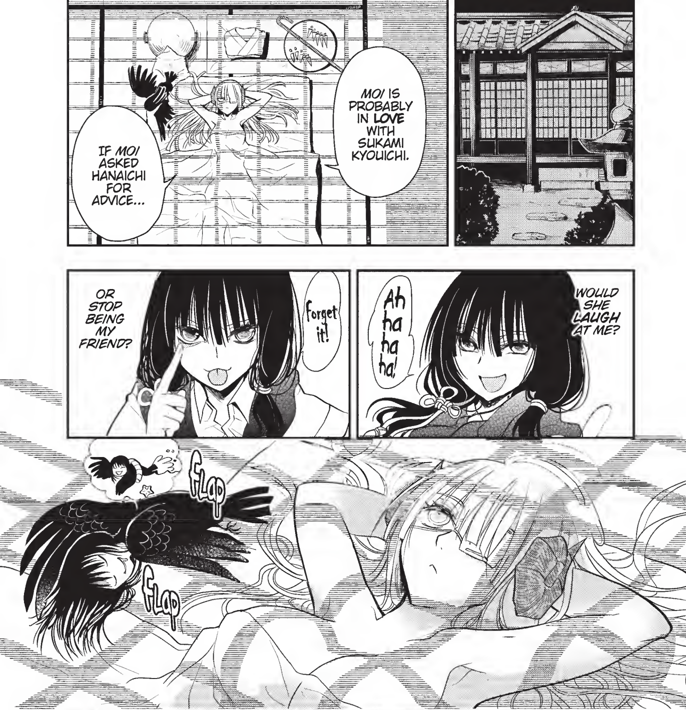
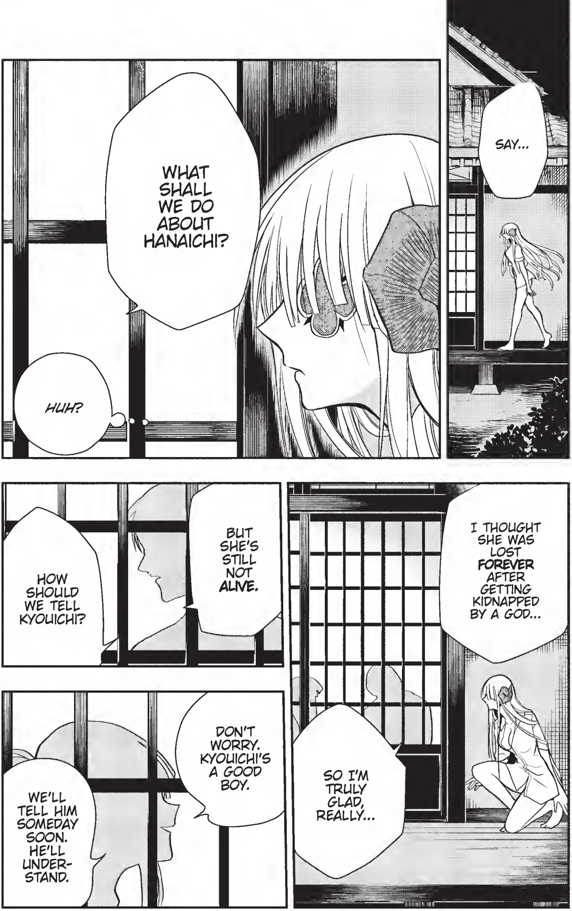
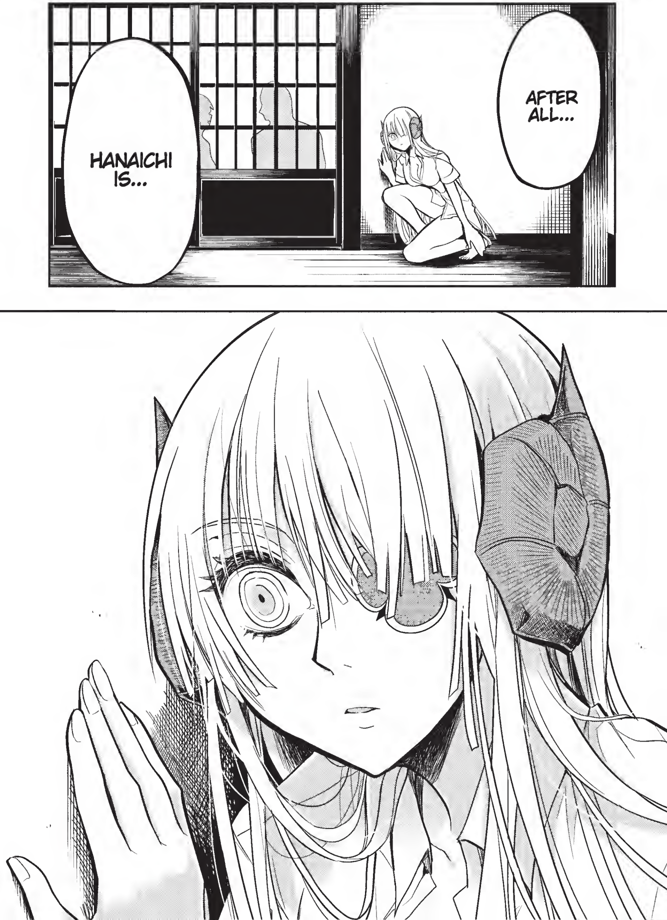
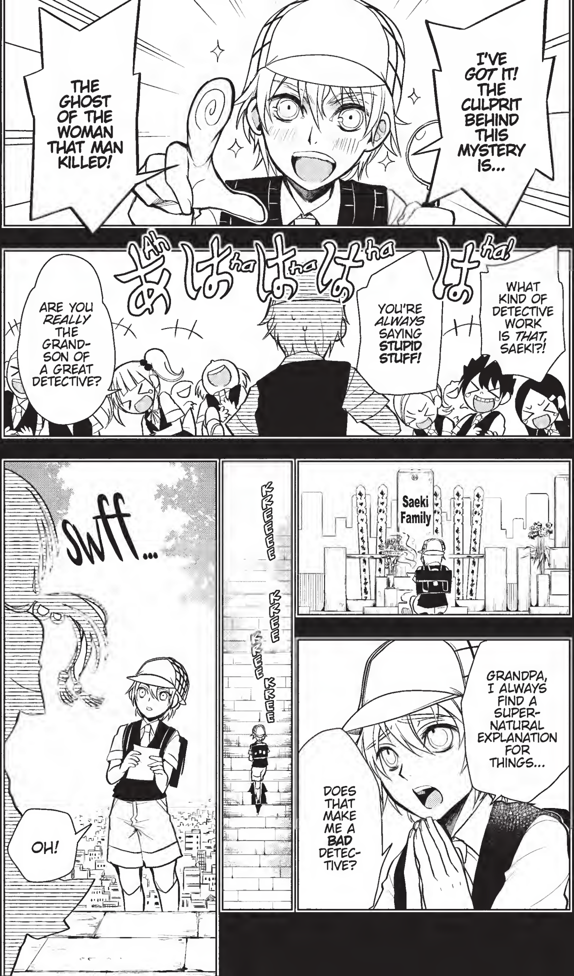
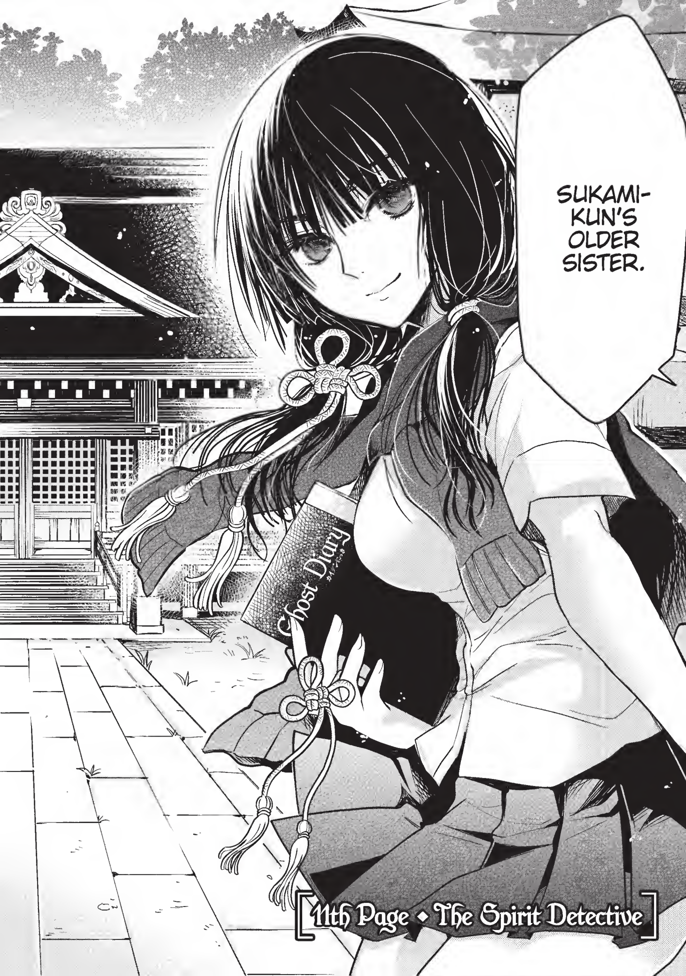
ba-dum ba-dum
WHAT THE HECK'S UP WITH HER?


MOI IS PROBABLY IN LOVE WITH SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
IF MOI ASKED HANAICHI FOR ADVICE...
WOULD SHE LAUGH AT ME?
Ah ha ha ha!
OR STOP BEING MY FRIEND?
Forget it!
FLAP
FLAP
MOI WILL GO OUT FOR A LITTLE NIGHTTIME AIR...
HIS PARENTS ARE STILL AWAKE?


SAY...
WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT HANAICHI?
HUH?
I THOUGHT SHE WAS LOST **FOREVER** AFTER GETTING KIDNAPPED BY A GOD...
SO I'M TRULY GLAD, REALLY...
BUT SHE'S STILL NOT **ALIVE.**
HOW SHOULD WE TELL KYOUICHI?
DON'T WORRY. KYOUICHI'S A GOOD BOY.
WE'LL TELL HIM SOMEDAY SOON. HE'LL UNDERSTAND.


AFTER ALL...
HANAICHI IS...


I'VE GOT IT! THE CULPRIT BEHIND THIS MYSTERY IS...
THE GHOST OF THE WOMAN THAT MAN KILLED!
あAhはhaはhaはhaはha!
WHAT KIND OF DETECTIVE WORK IS THAT, SAEKI?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING STUPID STUFF!
ARE YOU REALLY THE GRANDSON OF A GREAT DETECTIVE?
Saeki Family
GRANDPA, I ALWAYS FIND A SUPERNATURAL EXPLANATION FOR THINGS...
DOES THAT MAKE ME A BAD DETECTIVE?
KREEEE
KREE
KREE
KREE
swff...
OH!


SUKAMI-KUN'S OLDER SISTER.
Ghost Diary

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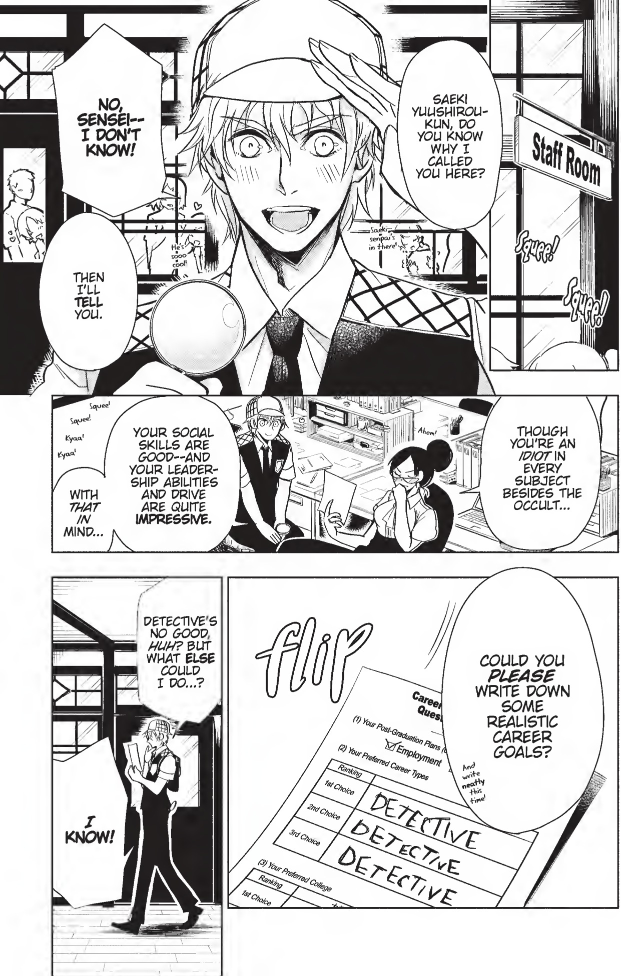
SAEKI YUUSHIROU-KUN, DO YOU KNOW WHY I CALLED YOU HERE?
Staff Room
NO, SENSEI-- I DON'T KNOW!
Saeki-senpai's in there!
He's sooo cool!
Squee!
Squee!
THEN I'LL TELL YOU.
THOUGH YOU'RE AN IDIOT IN EVERY SUBJECT BESIDES THE OCCULT...
Ahem!
YOUR SOCIAL SKILLS ARE GOOD--AND YOUR LEADERSHIP ABILITIES AND DRIVE ARE QUITE IMPRESSIVE.
Squee!
Squee!
Kyaa!
Kyaa!
WITH THAT IN MIND...
COULD YOU PLEASE WRITE DOWN SOME REALISTIC CAREER GOALS?
And write neatly this time!
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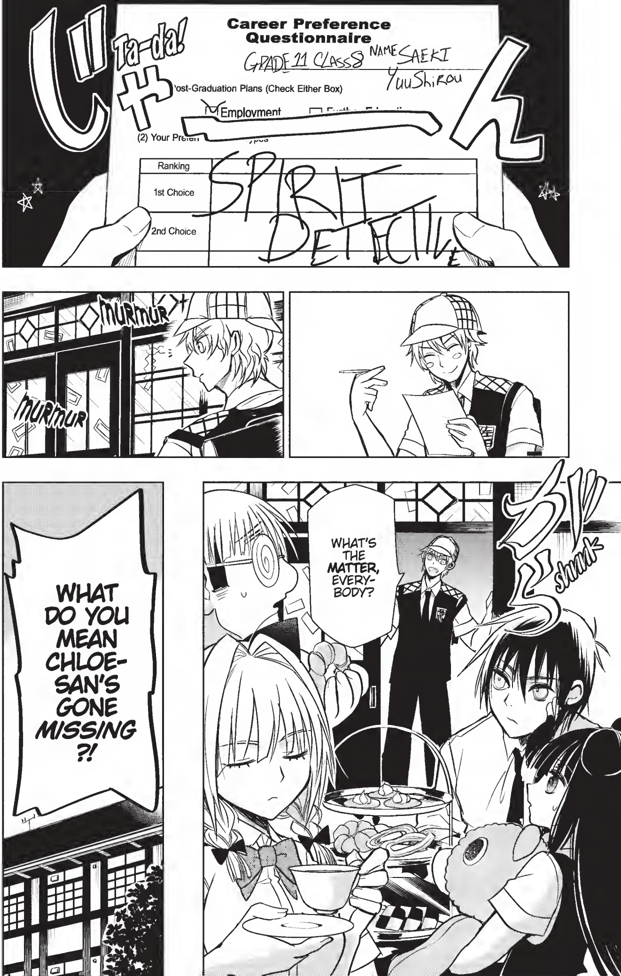
Caree
Ques
(1) Your Post-Graduation Plans (
☑ Employment
(2) Your Preferred Career Types
Ranking
1st Choice DETECTIVE
2nd Choice DETECTIVE
3rd Choice DETECTIVE
(3) Your Preferred College
Ranking
1st Choice
DETECTIVE'S NO GOOD, HUH? BUT WHAT ELSE COULD I DO...?
I KNOW!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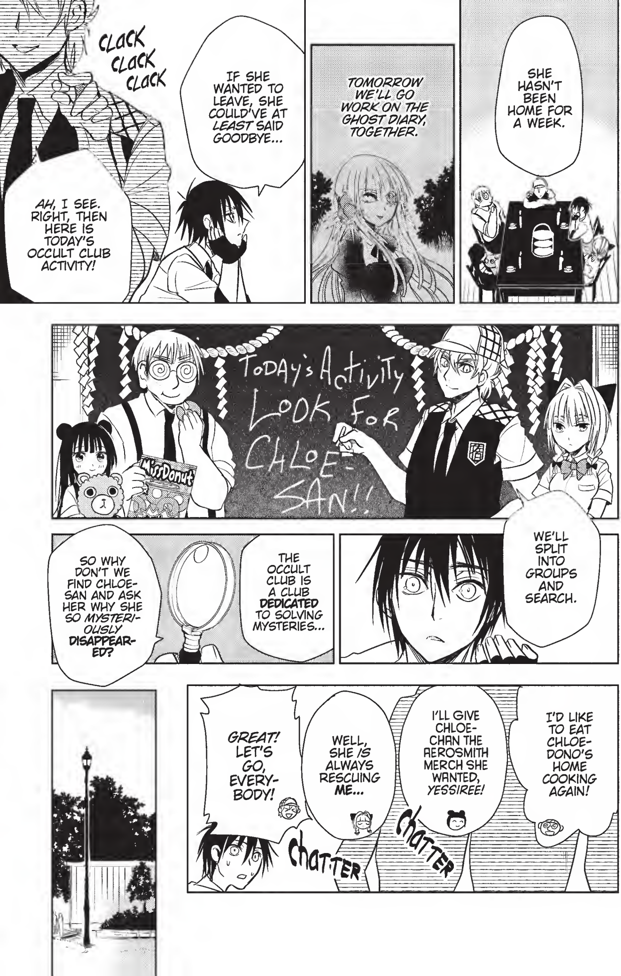
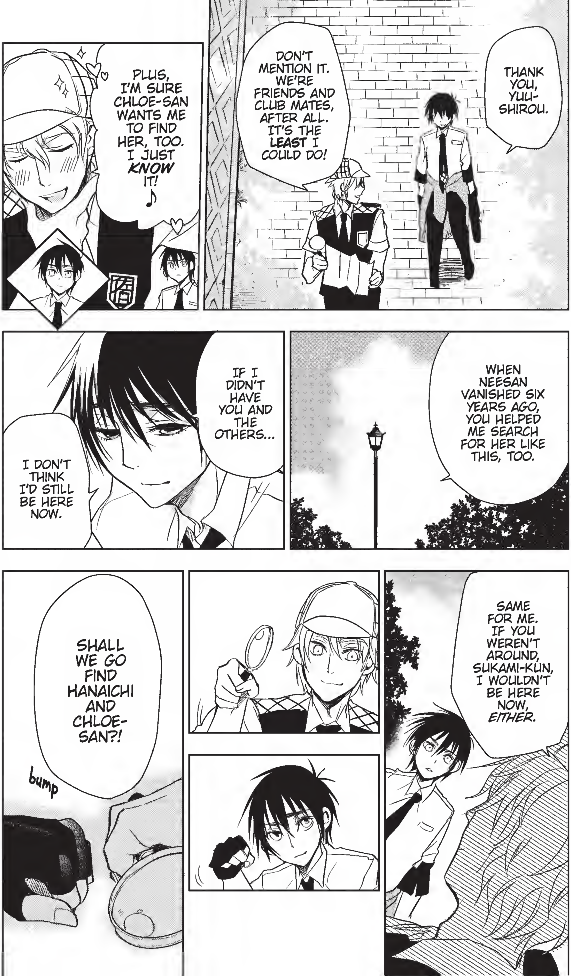
Ta-da!
Career Preference Questionnaire
GRADE 11 CLASS 8 NAME SAEKI YuuShirou
'ost-Graduation Plans (Check Either Box)
☑ Employment
(2) Your Prefe
Ranking
1st Choice
2nd Choice
SPIRIT DETECTIVE
murmur
murmur
WHAT'S THE MATTER, EVERYBODY?
shunk
WHAT DO YOU MEAN CHLOE-SAN'S GONE MISSING?!


SHE HASN'T BEEN HOME FOR A WEEK.
TOMORROW WE'LL GO WORK ON THE GHOST DIARY, TOGETHER.
IF SHE WANTED TO LEAVE, SHE COULD'VE AT *LEAST* SAID GOODBYE...
CLACK CLACK CLACK
AH, I SEE. RIGHT, THEN HERE IS TODAY'S OCCULT CLUB ACTIVITY!
TODAY'S ACTIVITY LOOK FOR CHLOE-SAN!!
MissDonut
THE OCCULT CLUB IS A CLUB **DEDICATED** TO SOLVING MYSTERIES...
SO WHY DON'T WE FIND CHLOE-SAN AND ASK HER WHY SHE SO *MYSTERIOUSLY* **DISAPPEARED?**
WE'LL SPLIT INTO GROUPS AND SEARCH.
I'D LIKE TO EAT CHLOE-DONO'S HOME COOKING *AGAIN!*
I'LL GIVE CHLOE-CHAN THE AEROSMITH MERCH SHE WANTED, *YESSIREE!*
WELL, SHE *IS* ALWAYS RESCUING **ME...**
GREAT! LET'S GO, EVERYBODY!
CHATTER
CHATTER


THANK YOU, YUU-SHIROU.
DON'T MENTION IT. WE'RE FRIENDS AND CLUB MATES, AFTER ALL. IT'S THE **LEAST** I COULD DO!
PLUS, I'M SURE CHLOE-SAN WANTS ME TO FIND HER, TOO. I JUST ***KNOW*** IT! ♪
WHEN NEESAN VANISHED SIX YEARS AGO, YOU HELPED ME SEARCH FOR HER LIKE THIS, TOO.
IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU AND THE OTHERS...
I DON'T THINK I'D STILL BE HERE NOW.
SAME FOR ME. IF YOU WEREN'T AROUND, SUKAMI-KUN, I WOULDN'T BE HERE NOW, *EITHER*.
SHALL WE GO FIND HANAICHI AND CHLOE-SAN?!
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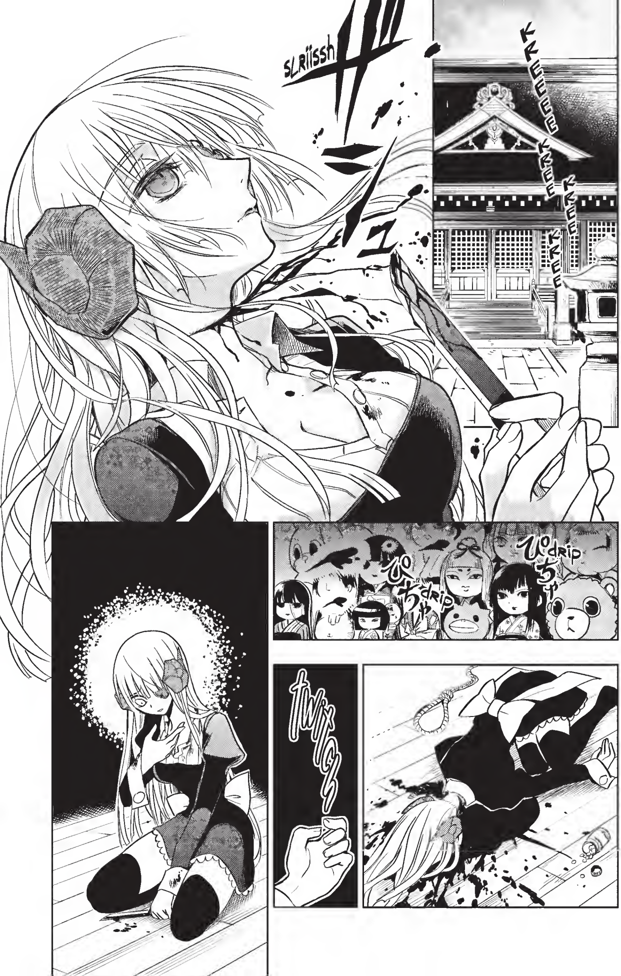
KREEEE KREE KREE KREE
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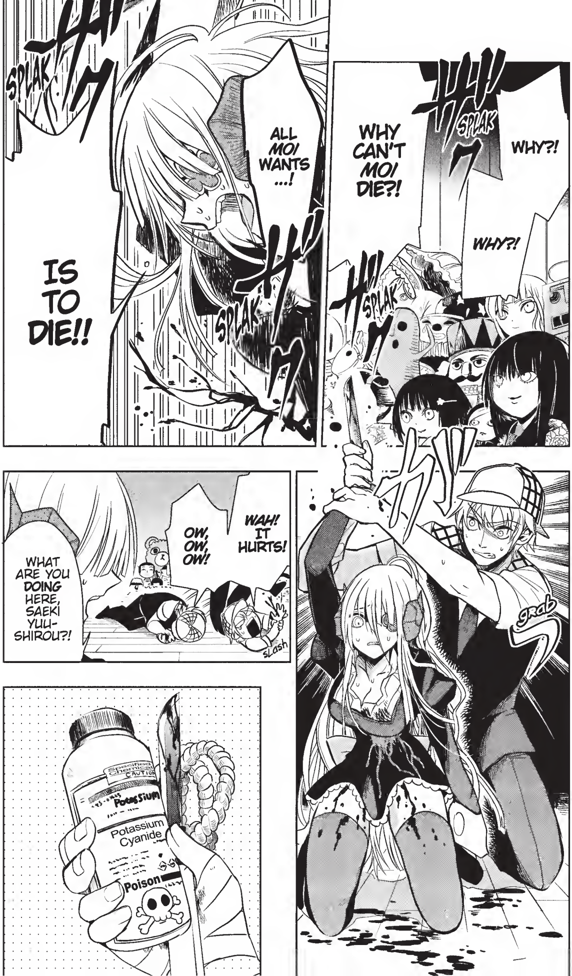
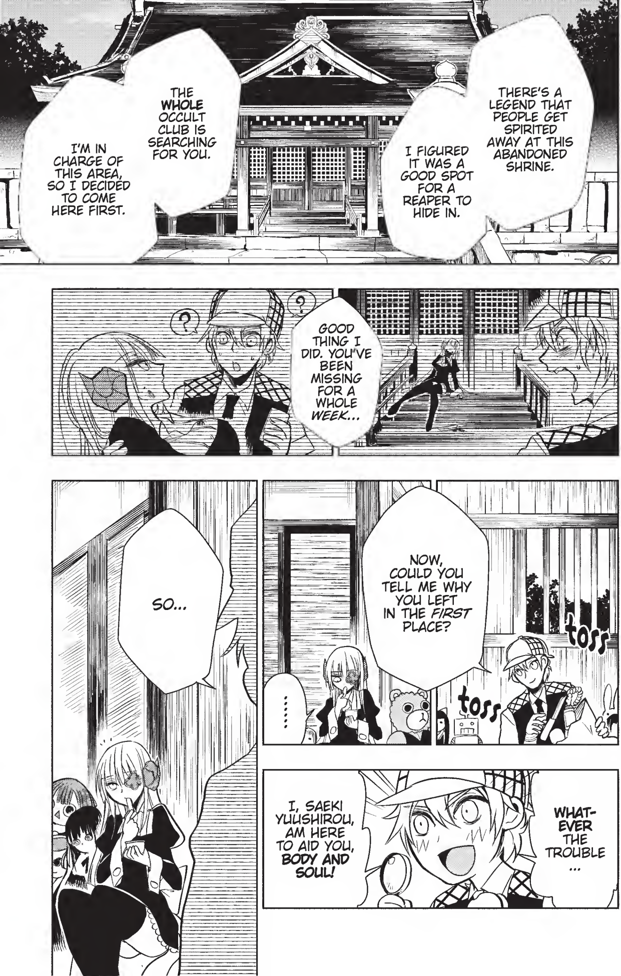
ぴちゃ drip
ぴちゃ drip
twitch


WHY CAN'T MOI DIE?!
SPLAK
WHY?!
WHY?!
SPLAK
ALL MOI WANTS ...!
SPLAK
SPLAK
IS TO DIE!!
grab
WAH! IT HURTS!
OW, OW, OW!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, SAEKI YUU-SHIROU?!
SLash
Specified Chemical CAUTION
Potassium
Potassium Cyanide
Poison


THERE'S A LEGEND THAT PEOPLE GET SPIRITED AWAY AT THIS ABANDONED SHRINE.
I FIGURED IT WAS A GOOD SPOT FOR A REAPER TO HIDE IN.
THE **WHOLE** OCCULT CLUB IS SEARCHING FOR YOU.
I'M IN CHARGE OF THIS AREA, SO I DECIDED TO COME HERE FIRST.
GOOD THING I DID. YOU'VE BEEN MISSING FOR A WHOLE *WEEK*...
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toss
NOW, COULD YOU TELL ME WHY YOU LEFT IN THE *FIRST* PLACE?
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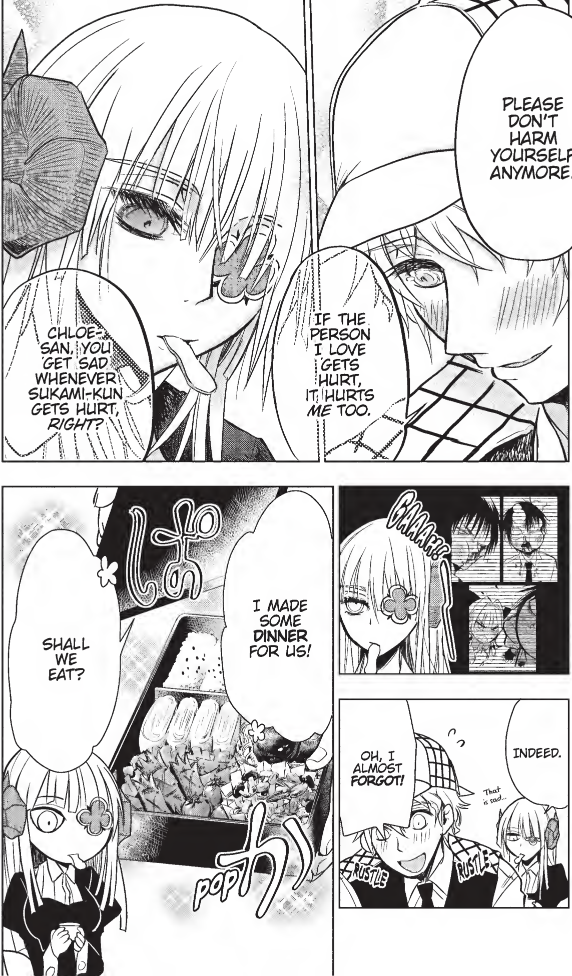
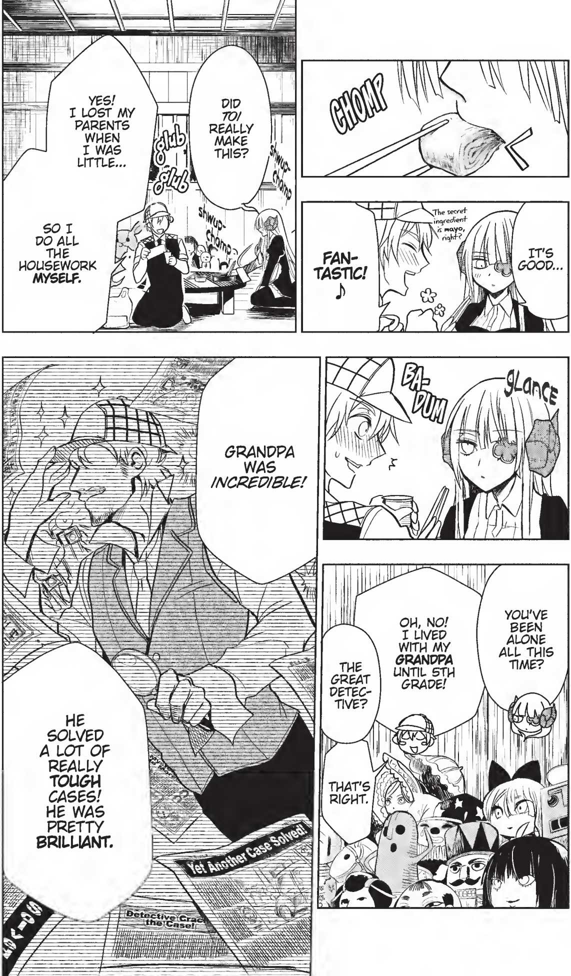
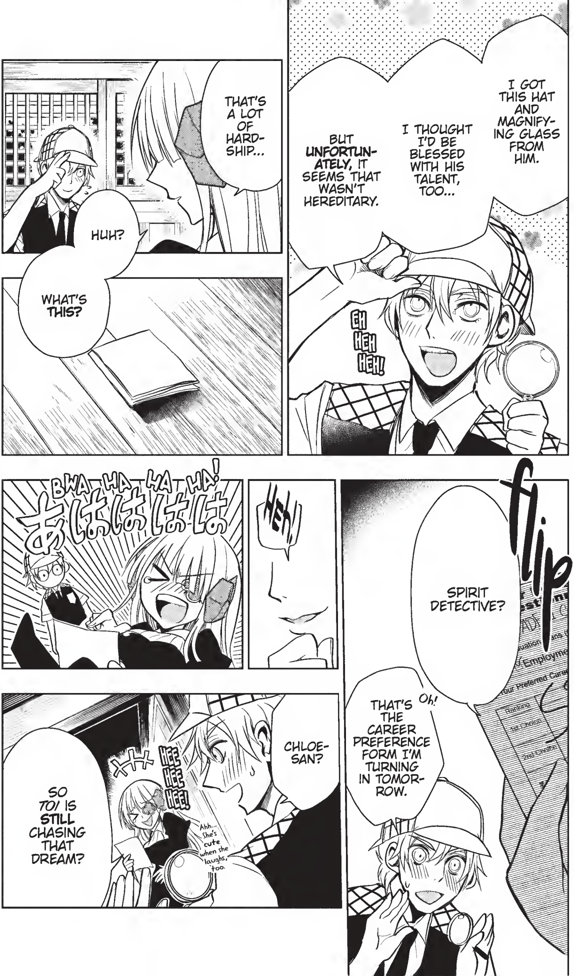
WHATEVER THE TROUBLE...
I, SAEKI YUUSHIROU, AM HERE TO AID YOU, **BODY AND SOUL!**
SO...


PLEASE DON'T HARM YOURSELF ANYMORE.
IF THE PERSON I LOVE GETS HURT, IT HURTS *ME* TOO.
CHLOE-SAN, YOU GET SAD WHENEVER SUKAMI-KUN GETS HURT, *RIGHT?*
GAAAH!
INDEED.
That is sad...
OH, I ALMOST **FORGOT!**
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I MADE SOME **DINNER** FOR US!
SHALL WE EAT?
pop


CHOMP
IT'S GOOD...
The secret ingredient is mayo, right?
FAN-TASTIC! ♪
DID TOI REALLY MAKE THIS?
shwup-chomp
shwup-chomp
glub, glub
YES! I LOST MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
SO I DO ALL THE HOUSEWORK MYSELF.
glance
BA-DUM
YOU'VE BEEN ALONE ALL THIS TIME?
OH, NO! I LIVED WITH MY GRANDPA UNTIL 5TH GRADE!
THE GREAT DETECTIVE?
THAT'S RIGHT.
GRANDPA WAS INCREDIBLE!
HE SOLVED A LOT OF REALLY TOUGH CASES! HE WAS PRETTY BRILLIANT.
Yet Another Case Solved!
Detective Cracks the Case!


I GOT THIS HAT AND MAGNIFYING GLASS FROM HIM.
I THOUGHT I'D BE BLESSED WITH HIS TALENT, TOO...
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, IT SEEMS THAT WASN'T HEREDITARY.
EH HEH HEH!
THAT'S A LOT OF HARDSHIP...
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?
flip
SPIRIT DETECTIVE?
Employment
Your Preferred Career
Ranking
1st Choice
2nd Choice
Oh!
THAT'S THE CAREER PREFERENCE FORM I'M TURNING IN TOMORROW.
HEH!
BWA HA HA HA!
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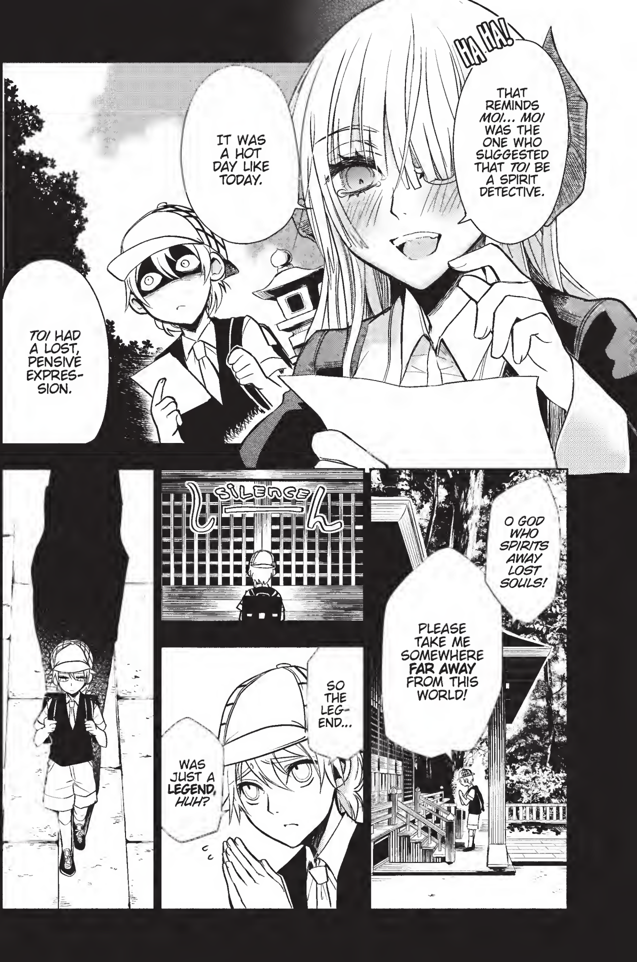
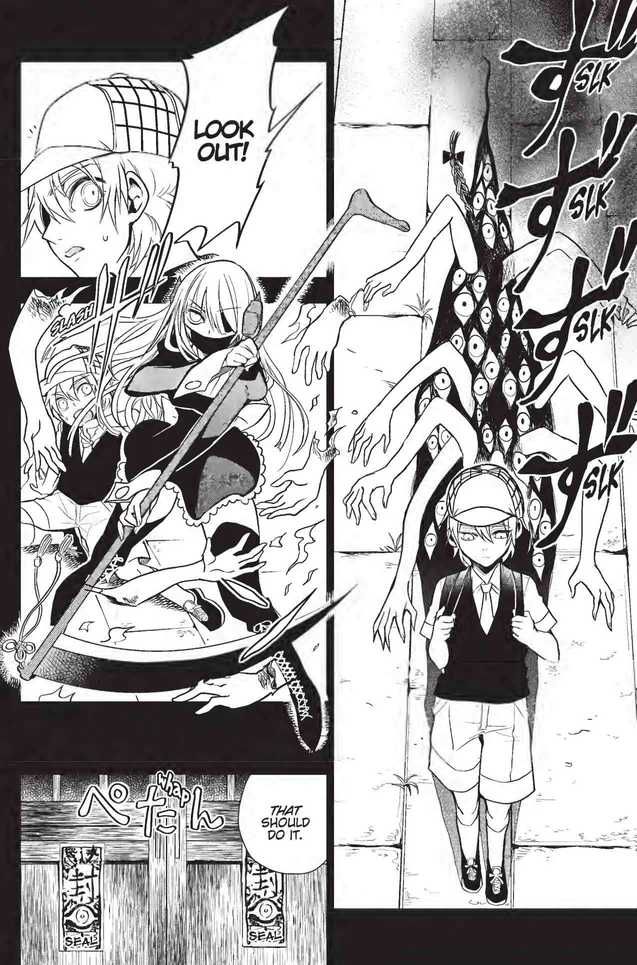
CHLOE-SAN?
HEE HEE HEE!
Ahh... She's cute when she laughs, too.
SO TOI IS STILL CHASING THAT DREAM?


HA HA!
THAT REMINDS *MOI*... *MOI* WAS THE ONE WHO SUGGESTED THAT *TOI* BE A SPIRIT DETECTIVE.
IT WAS A HOT DAY LIKE TODAY.
TOI HAD A LOST, PENSIVE EXPRESSION.
O GOD WHO SPIRITS AWAY LOST SOULS!
PLEASE TAKE ME SOMEWHERE **FAR AWAY** FROM THIS WORLD!
SILENCE
SO THE LEGEND...
WAS JUST A **LEGEND**, *HUH?*


SLK
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LOOK OUT!
SLASH
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THAT SHOULD DO IT.
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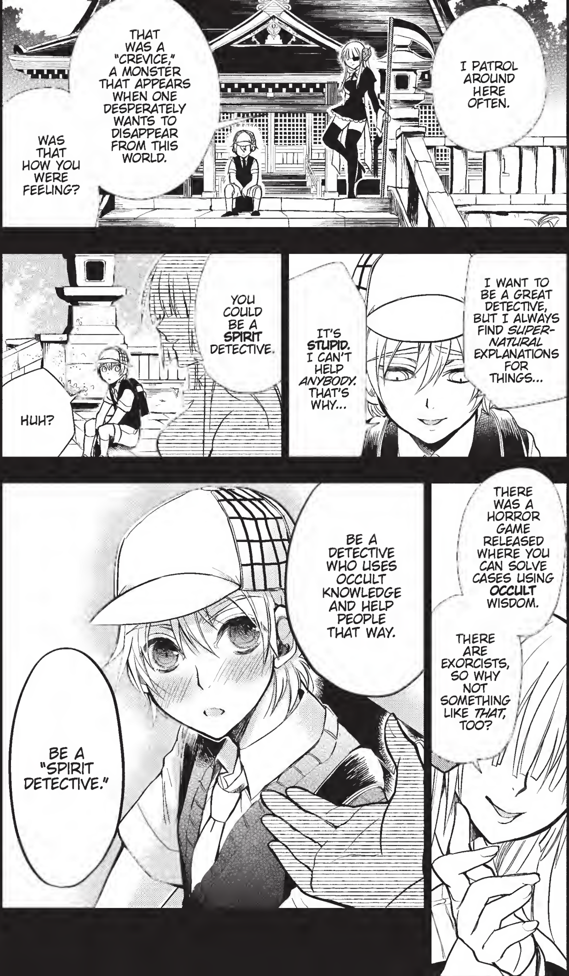
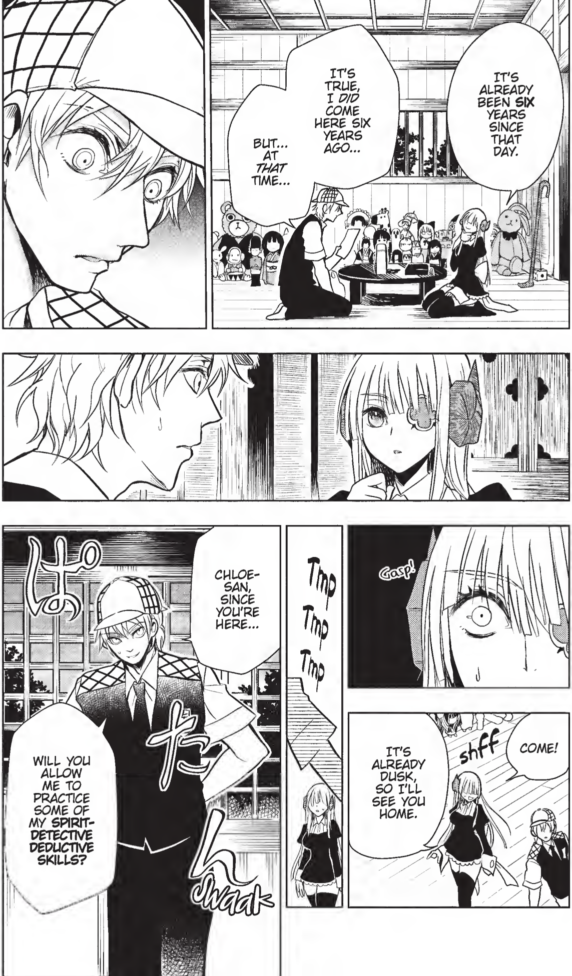

I PATROL AROUND HERE OFTEN.
THAT WAS A "CREVICE," A MONSTER THAT APPEARS WHEN ONE DESPERATELY WANTS TO DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD.
WAS THAT HOW YOU WERE FEELING?
I WANT TO BE A GREAT DETECTIVE, BUT I ALWAYS FIND SUPERNATURAL EXPLANATIONS FOR THINGS...
IT'S STUPID. I CAN'T HELP ANYBODY. THAT'S WHY...
YOU COULD BE A SPIRIT DETECTIVE.
HUH?
THERE WAS A HORROR GAME RELEASED WHERE YOU CAN SOLVE CASES USING OCCULT WISDOM.
THERE ARE EXORCISTS, SO WHY NOT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, TOO?
BE A DETECTIVE WHO USES OCCULT KNOWLEDGE AND HELP PEOPLE THAT WAY.
BE A "SPIRIT DETECTIVE."


IT'S ALREADY BEEN **SIX** YEARS SINCE THAT DAY.
IT'S TRUE, I *DID* COME HERE SIX YEARS AGO...
BUT... AT *THAT* TIME...
Gasp!
COME!
shff
IT'S ALREADY DUSK, SO I'LL SEE YOU HOME.
Tmp Tmp Tmp
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CHLOE-SAN, SINCE YOU'RE HERE...
WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO PRACTICE SOME OF MY **SPIRIT-DETECTIVE DEDUCTIVE SKILLS?**
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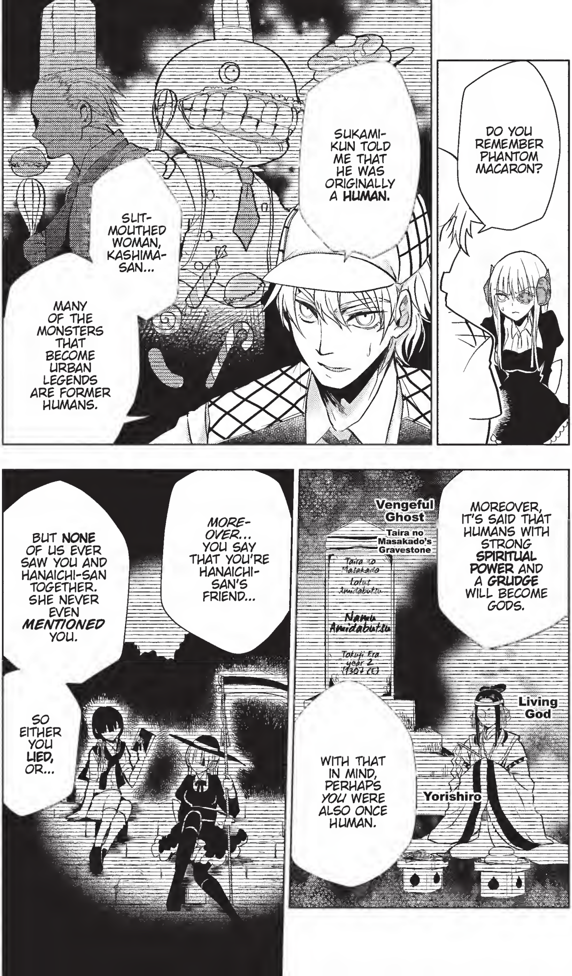
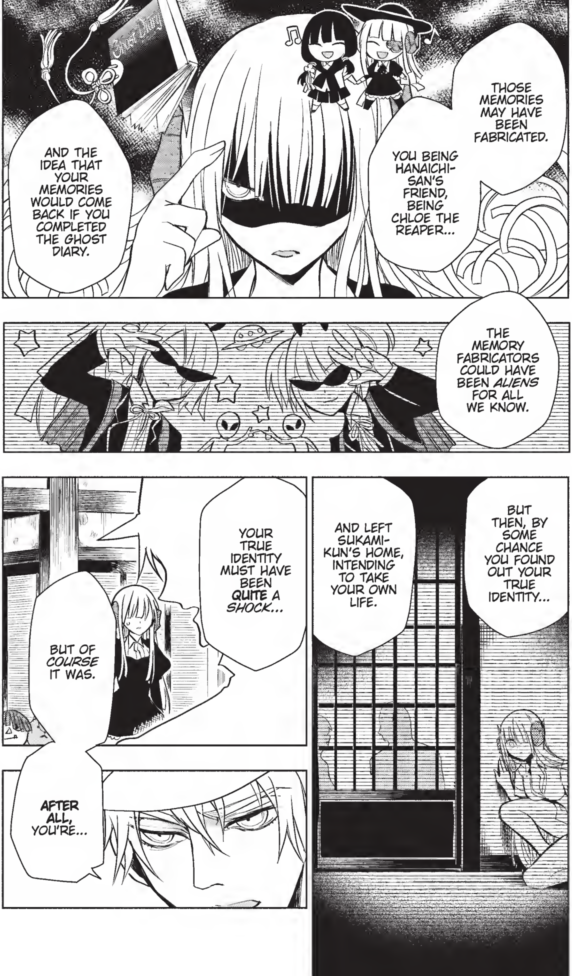
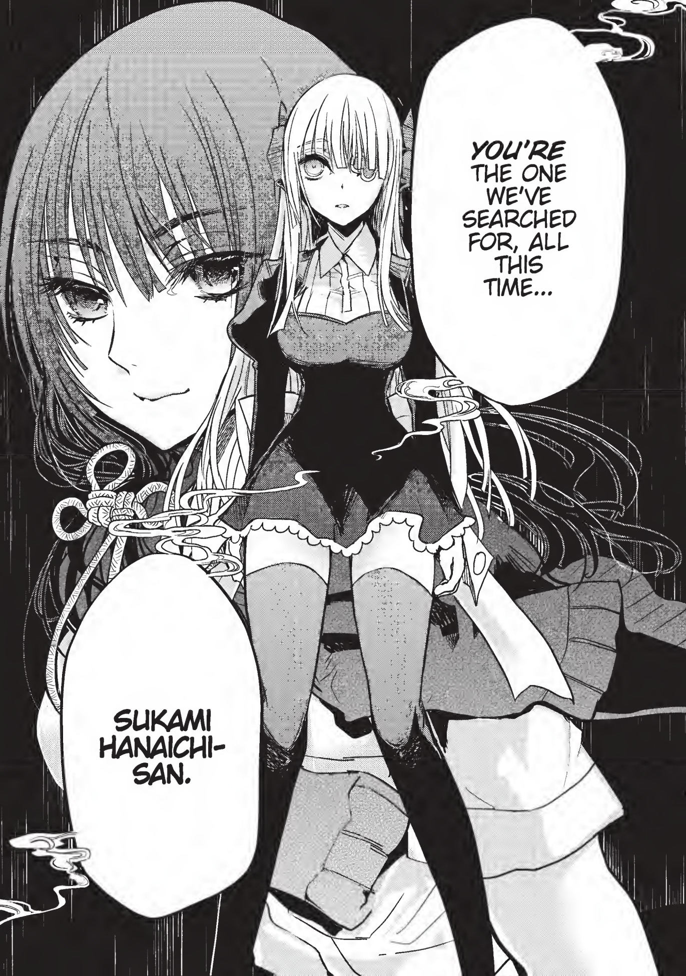
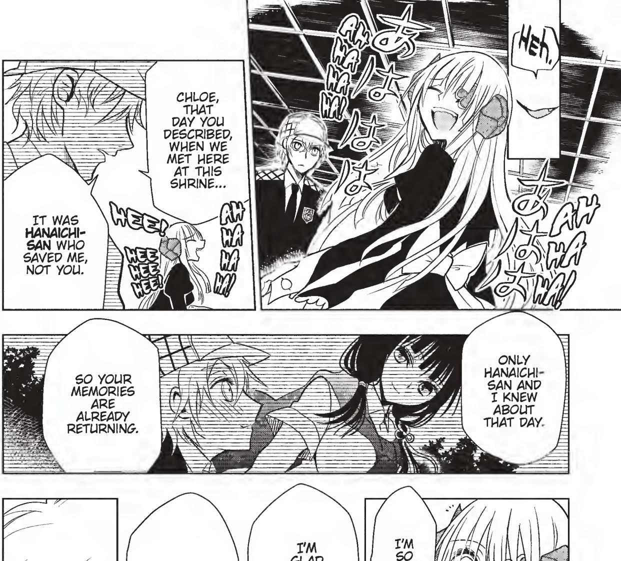
Whaak


DO YOU REMEMBER PHANTOM MACARON?
SUKAMI-KUN TOLD ME THAT HE WAS ORIGINALLY A **HUMAN.**
SLIT-MOUTHED WOMAN, KASHIMA-SAN...
MANY OF THE MONSTERS THAT BECOME URBAN LEGENDS ARE FORMER HUMANS.
MOREOVER, IT'S SAID THAT HUMANS WITH STRONG **SPIRITUAL POWER** AND A **GRUDGE** WILL BECOME GODS.
Vengeful Ghost
Taira no Masakado's Gravestone
Taira no Masakado
Lotus Amidabutsu
Namu Amidabutsu
Tokuji Era year 2 (1307 CE)
Living God
Yorishiro
WITH THAT IN MIND, PERHAPS *YOU* WERE ALSO ONCE HUMAN.
MORE-OVER... YOU SAY THAT YOU'RE HANAICHI-SAN'S FRIEND...
BUT **NONE** OF US EVER SAW YOU AND HANAICHI-SAN TOGETHER. SHE NEVER EVEN ***MENTIONED*** YOU.
SO EITHER YOU **LIED,** OR...


Ghost Diary
THOSE MEMORIES MAY HAVE BEEN FABRICATED.
YOU BEING HANAICHI-SAN'S FRIEND, BEING CHLOE THE REAPER...
AND THE IDEA THAT YOUR MEMORIES WOULD COME BACK IF YOU COMPLETED THE GHOST DIARY.
THE MEMORY FABRICATORS COULD HAVE BEEN *ALIENS* FOR ALL WE KNOW.
BUT THEN, BY SOME CHANCE YOU FOUND OUT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY...
AND LEFT SUKAMI-KUN'S HOME, INTENDING TO TAKE YOUR OWN LIFE.
YOUR TRUE IDENTITY MUST HAVE BEEN **QUITE** A *SHOCK*...
BUT OF *COURSE* IT WAS.
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE...


YOU'RE THE ONE WE'VE SEARCHED FOR, ALL THIS TIME...
SUKAMI HANAICHI-SAN.


Heh.
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AH HA HA HA HA!
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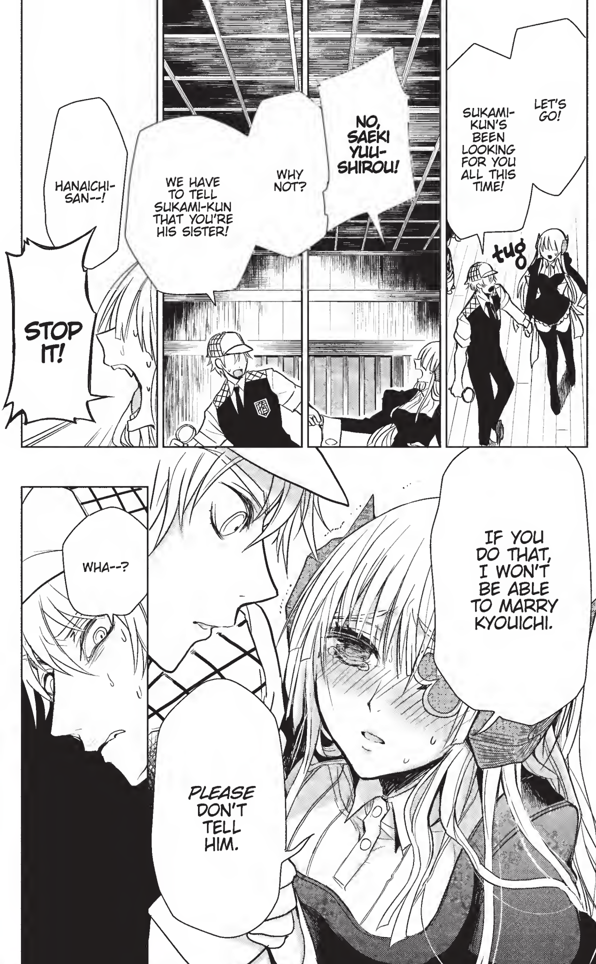
AH HA HA HA HA!
CHLOE, THAT DAY YOU DESCRIBED, WHEN WE MET HERE AT THIS SHRINE...
AH HA HA HA HA!
HEE! HEE HEE HEE!
IT WAS **HANAICHI-SAN** WHO SAVED ME, NOT YOU.
ONLY HANAICHI-SAN AND I KNEW ABOUT THAT DAY.
SO YOUR MEMORIES ARE ALREADY RETURNING.
I'M SO GLAD...
I'M GLAD I WAS **FINALLY** ABLE TO FIND YOU...
AND THAT THE FIRST CASE I SOLVED AS A SPIRIT DETECTIVE WAS **YOURS.**


LET'S GO!
SUKAMI-KUN'S BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ALL THIS TIME!
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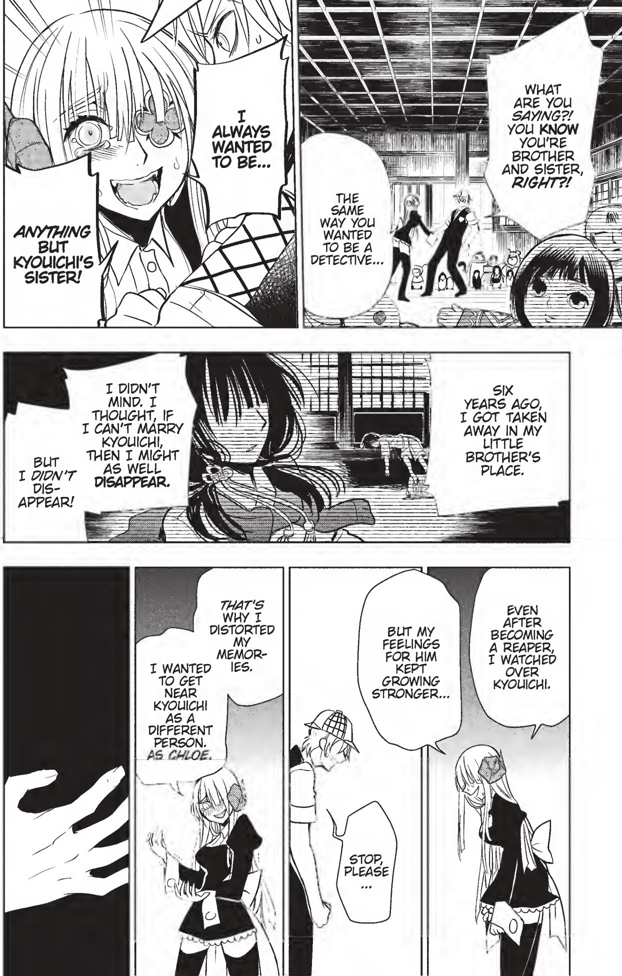
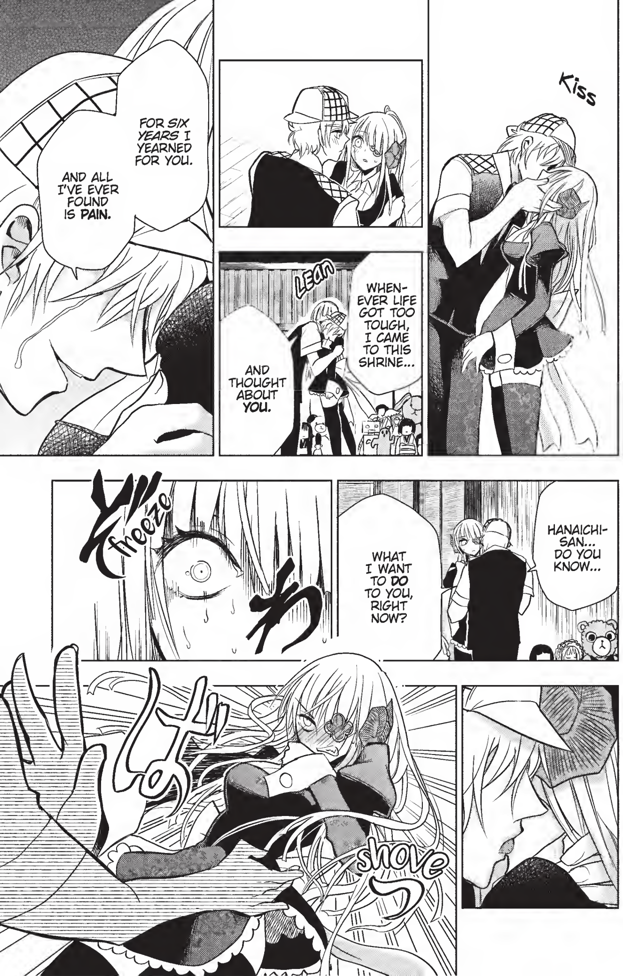
NO, SAEKI YUU-SHIROU!
WHY NOT?
WE HAVE TO TELL SUKAMI-KUN THAT YOU'RE HIS SISTER!
HANAICHI-SAN--!
STOP IT!
IF YOU DO THAT, I WON'T BE ABLE TO MARRY KYOUICHI.
WHA--?
PLEASE DON'T TELL HIM.


WHAT ARE YOU *SAYING?!* YOU **KNOW** YOU'RE BROTHER AND SISTER, ***RIGHT?!***
THE SAME WAY YOU WANTED TO BE A DETECTIVE...
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE...
ANYTHING BUT KYOUICHI'S SISTER!
SIX YEARS AGO, I GOT TAKEN AWAY IN MY LITTLE BROTHER'S PLACE.
I DIDN'T MIND. I THOUGHT, IF I CAN'T MARRY KYOUICHI, THEN I MIGHT AS WELL **DISAPPEAR.**
BUT I *DIDN'T* DISAPPEAR!
EVEN AFTER BECOMING A REAPER, I WATCHED OVER KYOUICHI.
BUT MY FEELINGS FOR HIM KEPT GROWING STRONGER...
STOP, PLEASE ...
THAT'S WHY I DISTORTED MY MEMORIES.
I WANTED TO GET NEAR KYOUICHI AS A DIFFERENT PERSON. AS *CHLOE.*


Kiss
Lean
WHENEVER LIFE GOT TOO TOUGH, I CAME TO THIS SHRINE...
AND THOUGHT ABOUT YOU.
FOR SIX YEARS I YEARNED FOR YOU.
AND ALL I'VE EVER FOUND IS PAIN.
HANAICHI-SAN... DO YOU KNOW...
WHAT I WANT TO DO TO YOU, RIGHT NOW?
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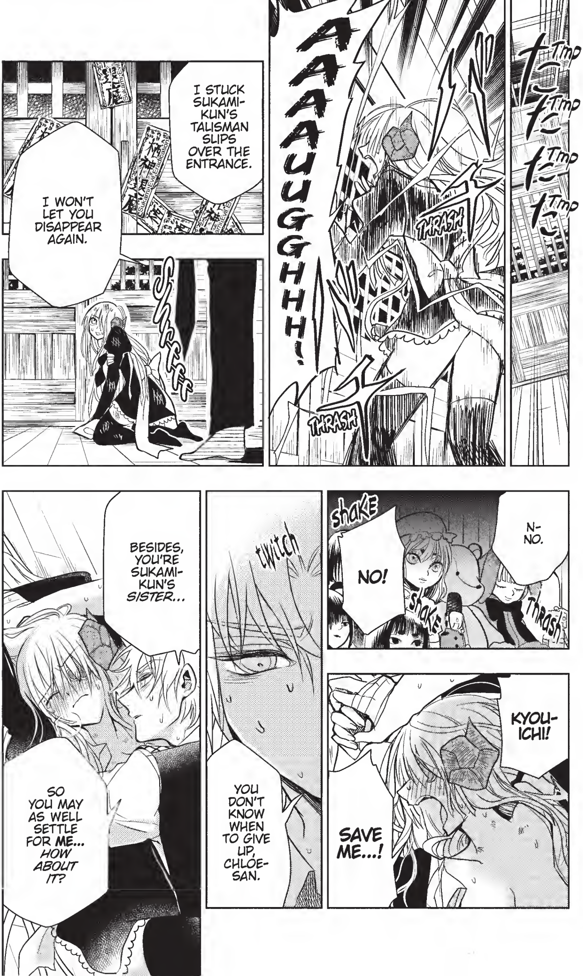
freeze
ばっ
shove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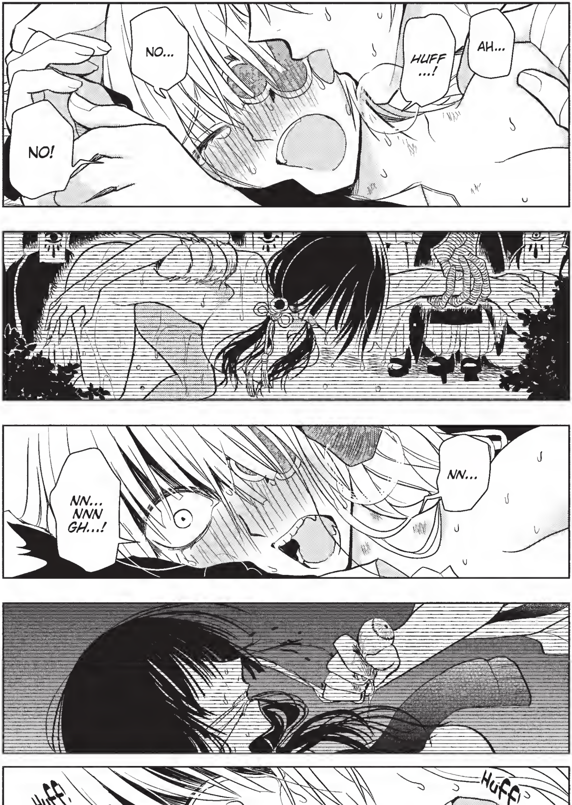
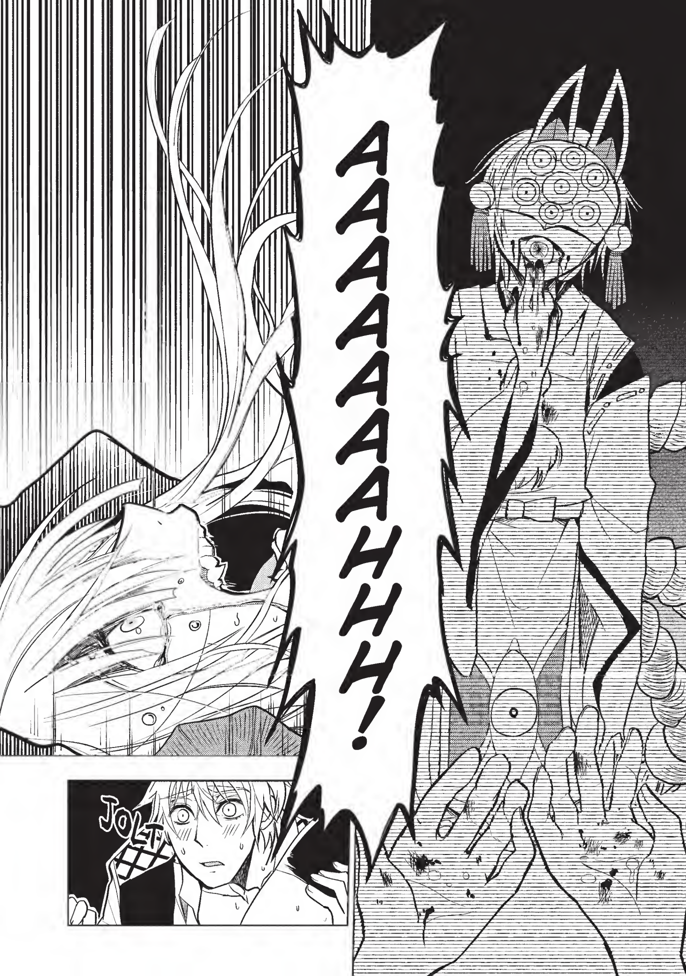
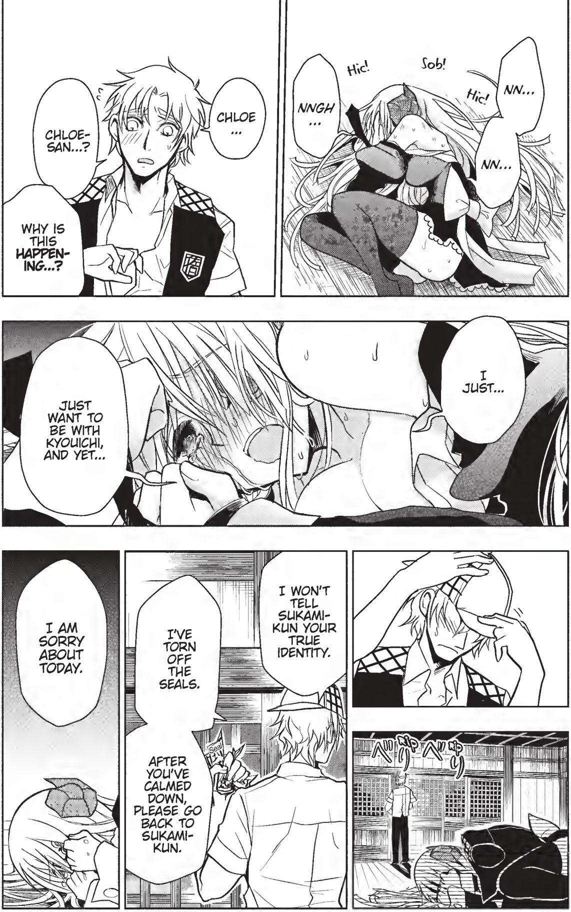
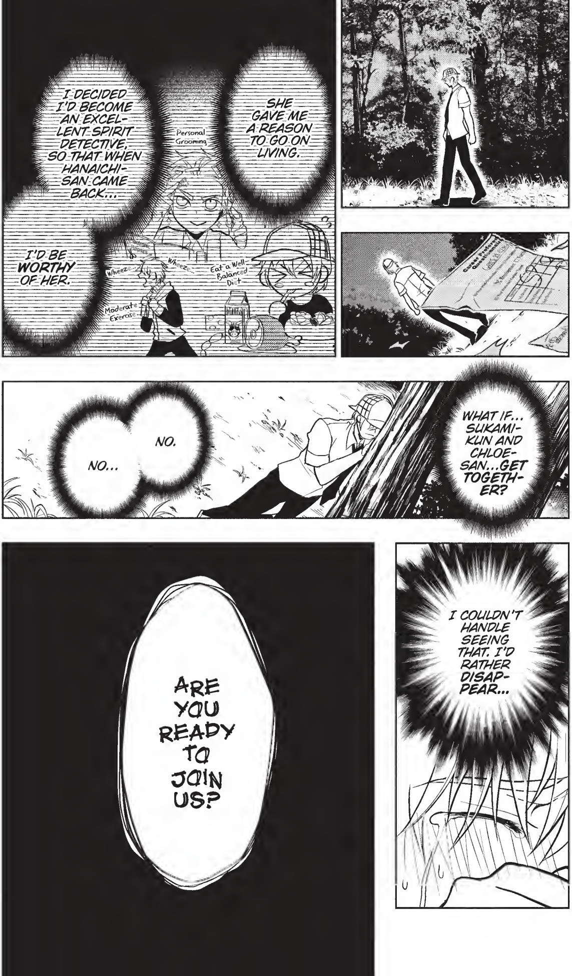
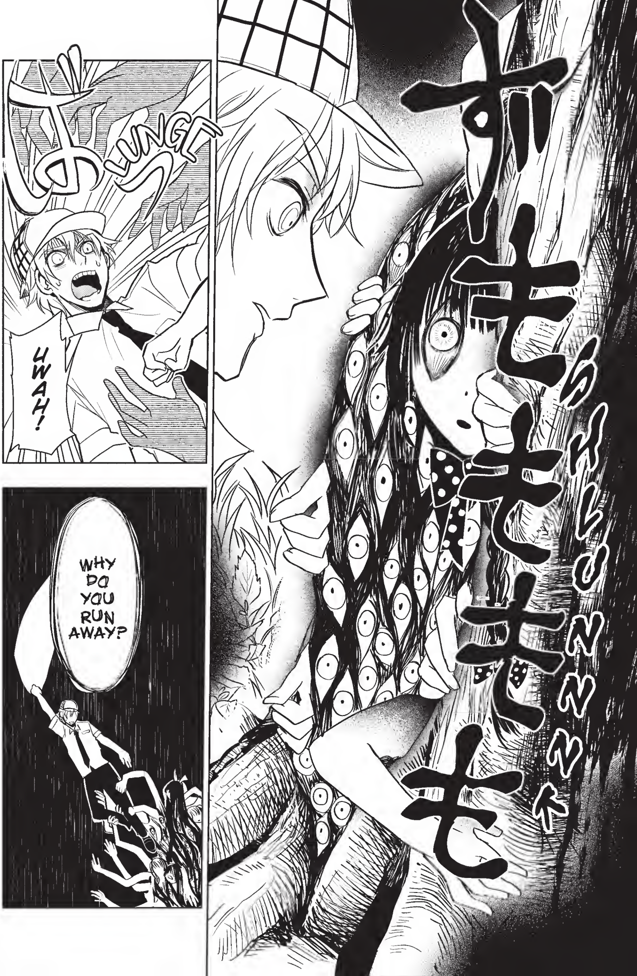
AAAAUUGGHHH!
THRASH
THRASH
I STUCK SUKAMI-KUN'S TALISMAN SLIPS OVER THE ENTRANCE.
Sukami Evil Eradication
I WON'T LET YOU DISAPPEAR AGAIN.
Shfff
N-NO.
NO!
shake
shake
Thrash
KYOU-ICHI!
SAVE ME...!
twitch
YOU DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, CHLOE-SAN.
BESIDES, YOU'RE SUKAMI-KUN'S SISTER...
SO YOU MAY AS WELL SETTLE FOR ME... HOW ABOUT IT?


AH...
HUFF ...!
NO...
NO!
NN...
NN... NNNGH...!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!


AAAAAAAHHHH!
JOLT


Hic!
Sob!
Hic!
NN...
NNGH ...
NN...
CHLOE ...
CHLOE-SAN...?
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING...?
I JUST...
JUST WANT TO BE WITH KYOUICHI, AND YET...
べり Rip べり Rip
I WON'T TELL SUKAMI-KUN YOUR TRUE IDENTITY.
I'VE TORN OFF THE SEALS.
Seal
AFTER YOU'VE CALMED DOWN, PLEASE GO BACK TO SUKAMI-KUN.
I AM SORRY ABOUT TODAY.


SHE GAVE ME A REASON TO GO ON LIVING.
I DECIDED I'D BECOME AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT DETECTIVE, SO THAT WHEN HANAICHI-SAN CAME BACK...
I'D BE **WORTHY** OF HER.
Personal Grooming
Electronic Repairs
Wheeze...
Wheeze...
Eat a Well-Balanced Diet
Moderate Exercise
Career Preference Questionnaire
WHAT IF... SUKAMI-KUN AND CHLOE-SAN...GET TOGETHER?
NO.
NO...
I COULDN'T HANDLE SEEING THAT. I'D RATHER DISAPPEAR...
ARE YOU READY TO JOIN US?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SHLUNNNNK
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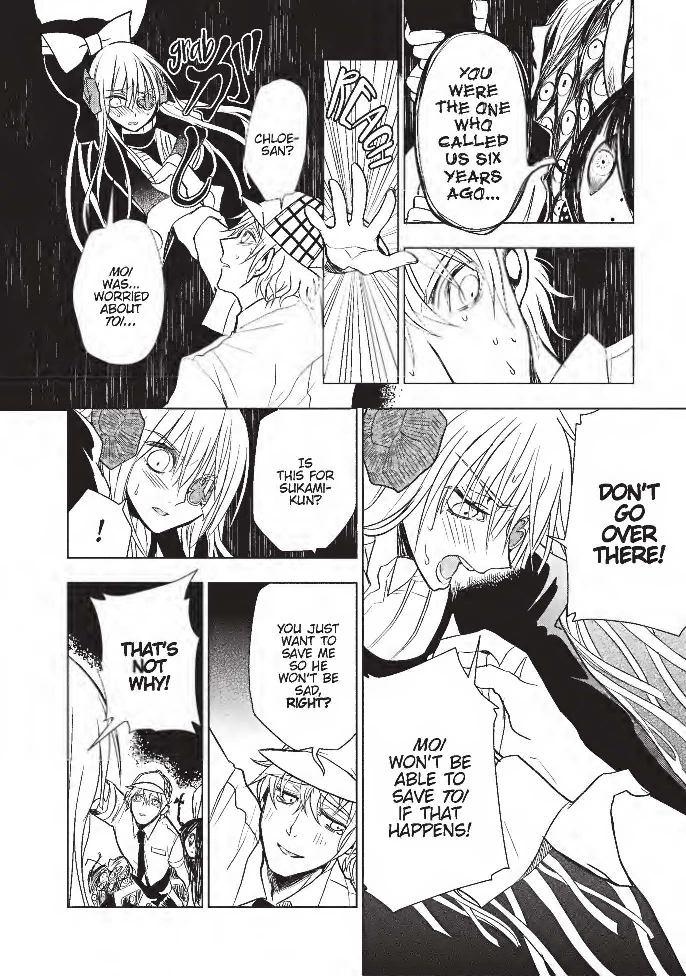
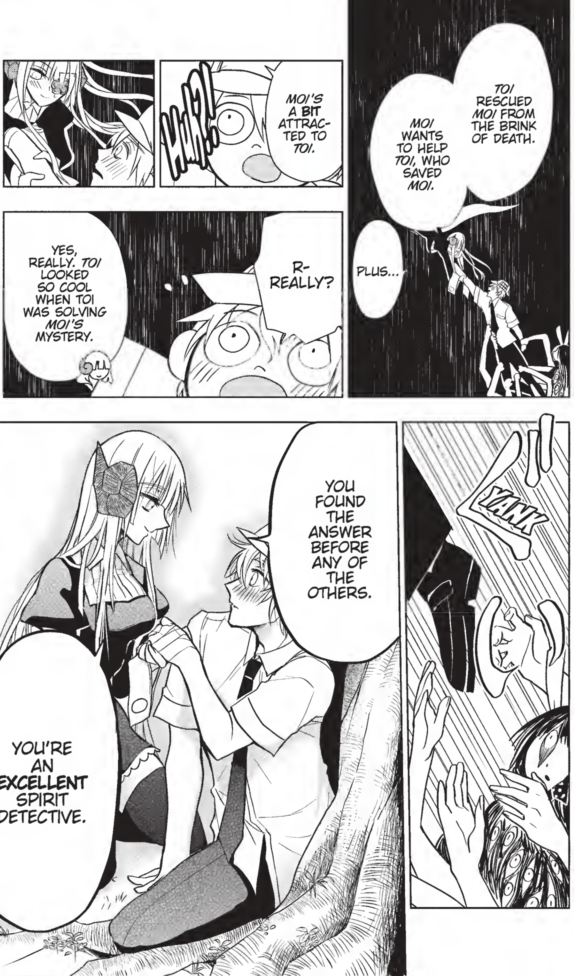
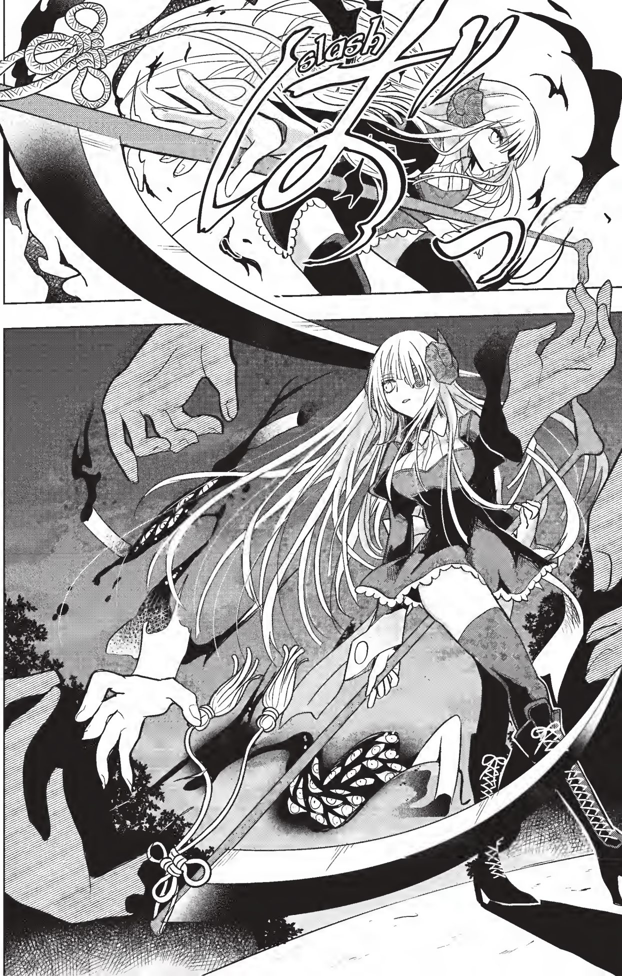
LUNGE
UWAH!
WHY DO YOU RUN AWAY?


grab
ガシッ
CHLOE-SAN?
MOI WAS... WORRIED ABOUT TOI...
REACH
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO CALLED US SIX YEARS AGO...
!
IS THIS FOR SUKAMI-KUN?
YOU JUST WANT TO SAVE ME SO HE WON'T BE SAD, RIGHT?
THAT'S NOT WHY!
DON'T GO OVER THERE!
MOI WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE TOI IF THAT HAPPENS!


TOI RESCUED *MOI* FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH.
MOI WANTS TO HELP *TOI*, WHO SAVED *MOI*.
PLUS...
MOI'S A **BIT** ATTRACTED TO *TOI*.
HUH?!
R-REALLY?
YES, REALLY. *TOI* LOOKED SO COOL WHEN TOI WAS SOLVING *MOI'S* MYSTERY.
YANK
YOU FOUND THE ANSWER BEFORE ANY OF THE OTHERS.
YOU'RE AN **EXCELLENT** SPIRIT DETECTIVE.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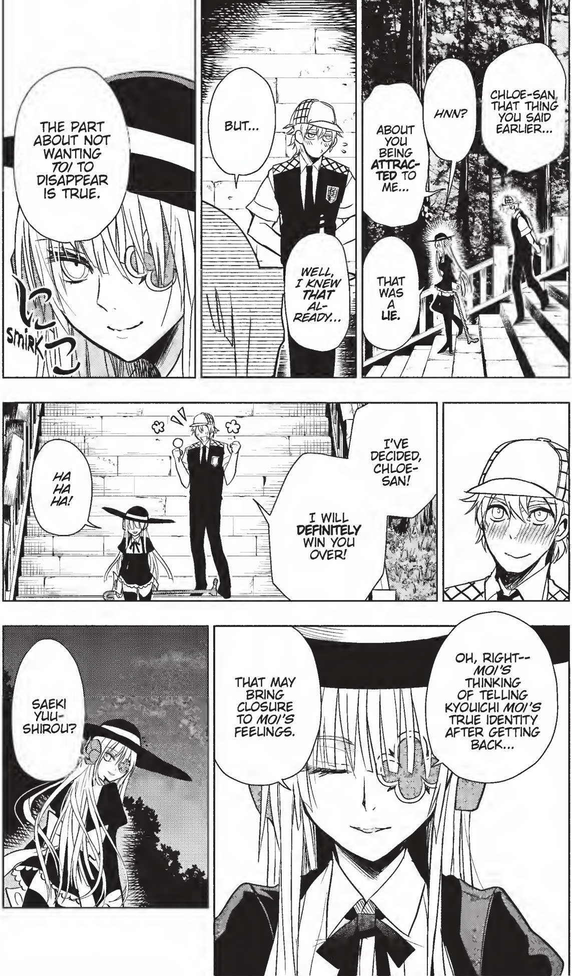
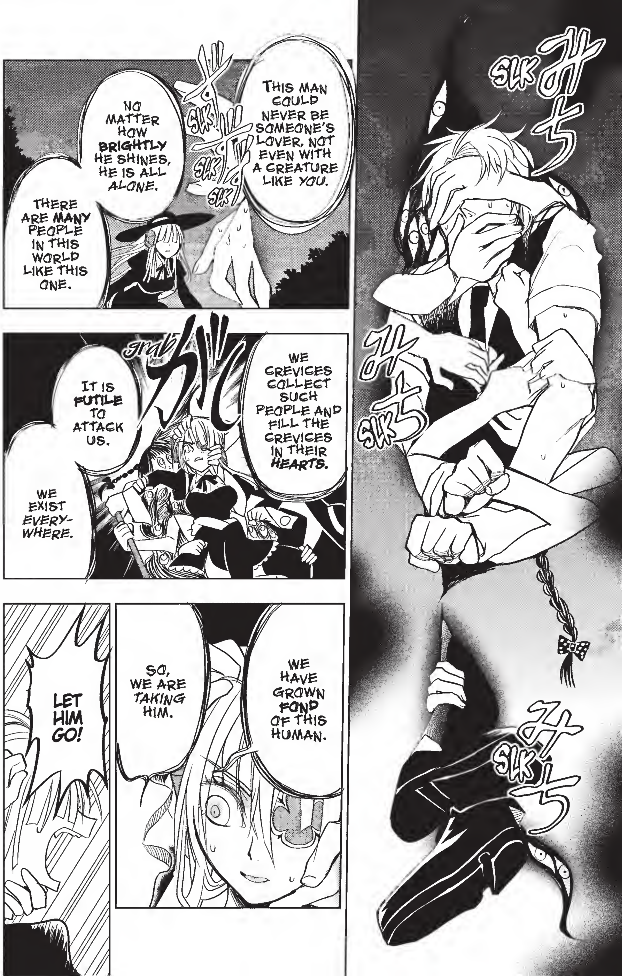
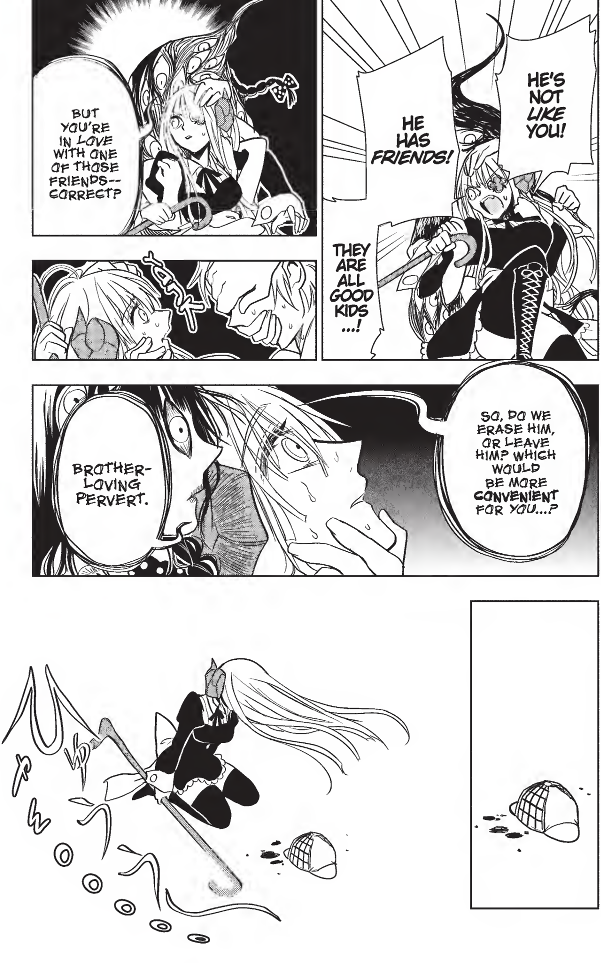
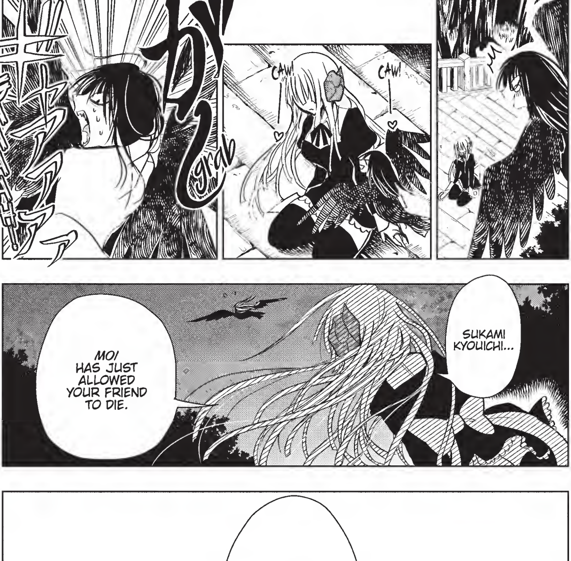
slash


CHLOE-SAN, THAT THING YOU SAID EARLIER...
HNN?
ABOUT YOU BEING ATTRACTED TO ME...
THAT WAS A LIE.
BUT...
WELL, I KNEW THAT ALREADY...
THE PART ABOUT NOT WANTING TOI TO DISAPPEAR IS TRUE.
smirk
I'VE DECIDED, CHLOE-SAN!
I WILL DEFINITELY WIN YOU OVER!
HA HA HA!
OH, RIGHT--MOI'S THINKING OF TELLING KYOUICHI MOI'S TRUE IDENTITY AFTER GETTING BACK...
THAT MAY BRING CLOSURE TO MOI'S FEELINGS.
SAEKI YUUSHIROU?


SLK みち
みち SLK
みち SLK
THIS MAN COULD NEVER BE SOMEONE'S LOVER, NOT EVEN WITH A CREATURE LIKE *YOU.*
SLK
SLK
SLK
NO MATTER HOW **BRIGHTLY** HE SHINES, HE IS ALL *ALONE.*
THERE ARE **MANY** PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD LIKE THIS ONE.
WE CREVICES COLLECT SUCH PEOPLE AND FILL THE CREVICES IN THEIR ***HEARTS.***
grab ガッ
IT IS **FUTILE** TO ATTACK US.
WE EXIST *EVERYWHERE.*
WE HAVE GROWN **FOND** OF THIS HUMAN.
SO, WE ARE *TAKING* HIM.
LET HIM GO!


HE'S NOT *LIKE* YOU!
HE HAS *FRIENDS!*
THEY ARE ALL GOOD KIDS ...!
BUT YOU'RE IN *LOVE* WITH ONE OF THOSE FRIENDS--CORRECT?
YANK
SO, DO WE ERASE HIM, OR LEAVE HIM? WHICH WOULD BE MORE **CONVENIENT** FOR *YOU*...?
BROTHER-LOVING PERVERT.


CAW!
CAW!
ガシ
grab
ギャアアアア
GAAAAAH!!
SUKAMI KYOUICHI...
MOI HAS JUST ALLOWED YOUR FRIEND TO DIE.
WE CAN'T GO BACK TO THE WAY WE WERE.

Ghost Diary

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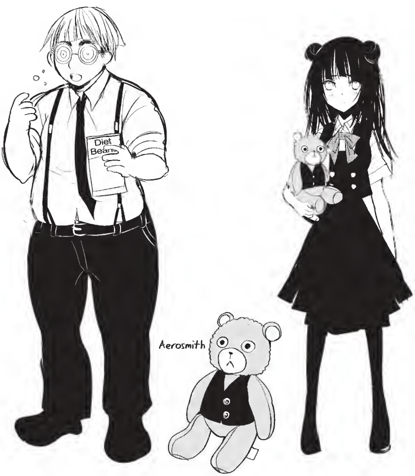


The Mascot-Type Occult Club Members Suzukago Kukuri and Onigashima Tatsumi

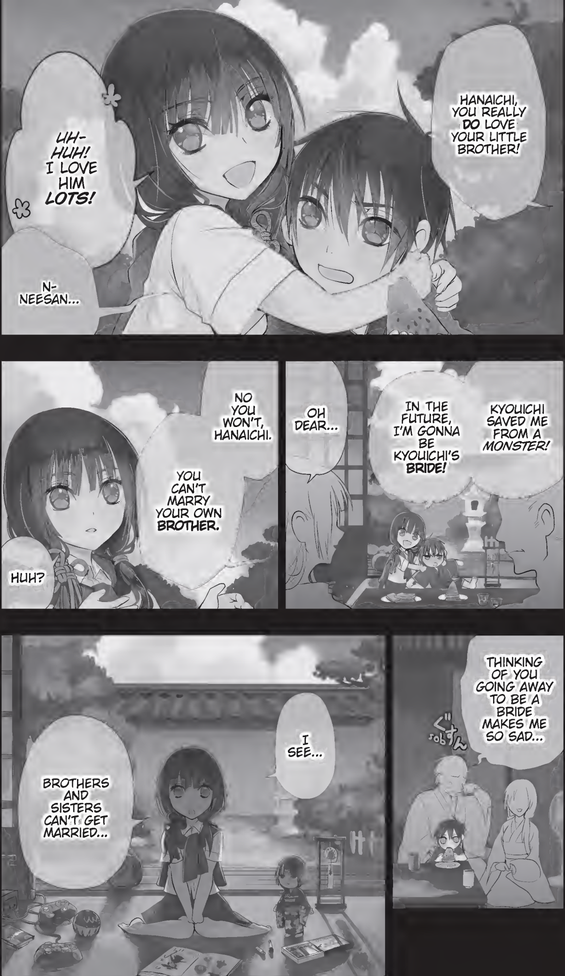
I wanted the Occult Club to be colorful, so I made their designs pretty strange--but I still think they're both cute. I like these two a lot!

After making Kukuri-chan, I chuckled and thought, "The boys are *sure* to like her"--so I was happy when people told me they thought she was cute.

Since this is an occultic column, I thought I'd bring in an occult topic. I hear that dolls or plush-toys that get played with for a long time will eventually house a human soul. Famous ghost stories with dolls would include Inagawa Junji-san's "Living Doll" and "Cursed Doll Annabelle," right? Being famous stories, they're deeply interesting, so please look into them.

Since Tatsumi is a gangster's son, here's a story from that world. It's said that people in organized crime or police work don't eat mantis shrimp sushi. The story goes that it's because crustaceans eat drowned corpses that have sunk into the sea. That's not necessarily true, so please eat them without worrying about that. I always pass on eating them, though (ha ha!).

Since many gangster or police insider stories have become urban legends, people interested in that kind of thing may find it worthwhile to check out.


HANAICHI, YOU REALLY DO LOVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER!
UH-HUH! I LOVE HIM LOTS!
N-NEESAN...
KYOUICHI SAVED ME FROM A MONSTER!
IN THE FUTURE, I'M GONNA BE KYOUICHI'S BRIDE!
OH DEAR...
NO YOU WON'T, HANAICHI.
YOU CAN'T MARRY YOUR OWN BROTHER.
HUH?
THINKING OF YOU GOING AWAY TO BE A BRIDE MAKES ME SO SAD...
ぐすん sob
I SEE...
BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN'T GET MARRIED...

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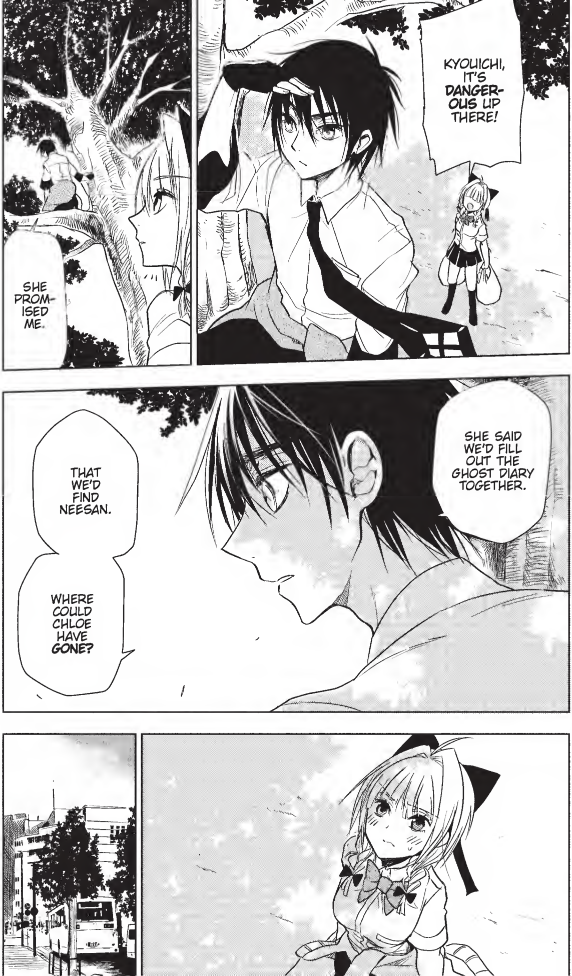
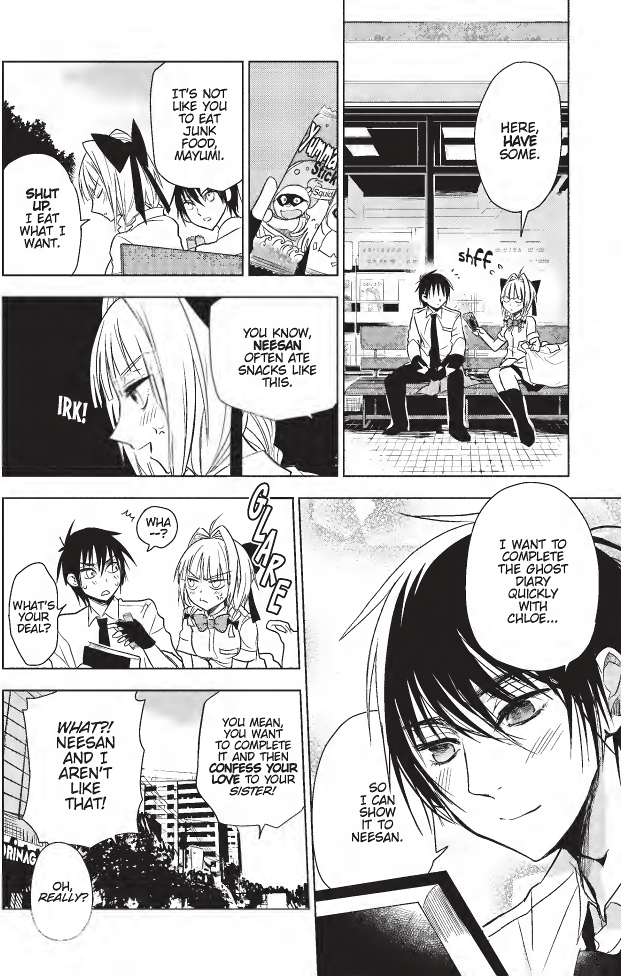
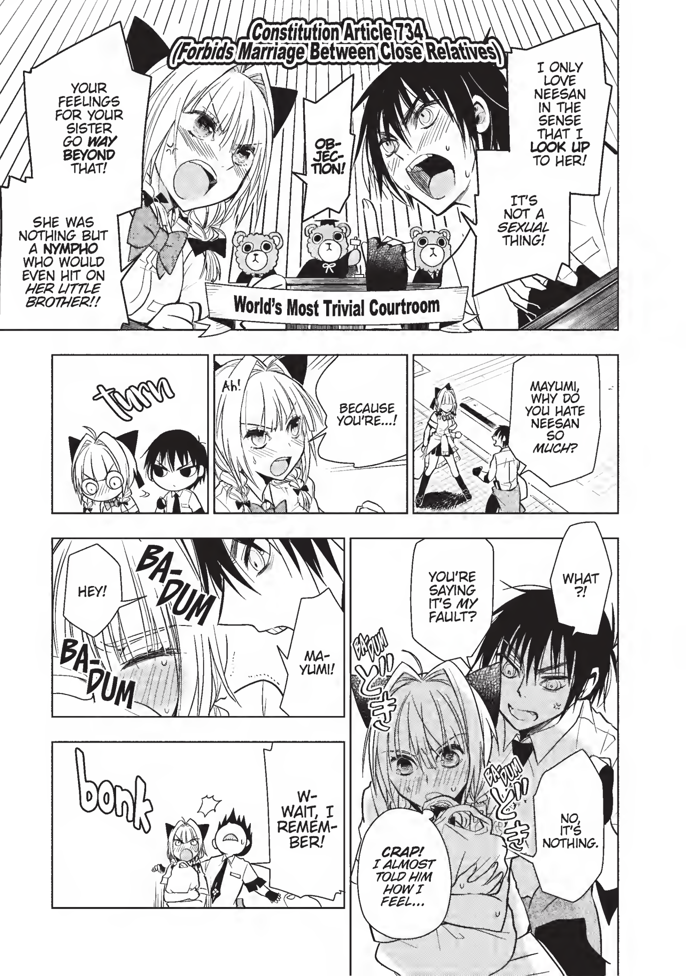
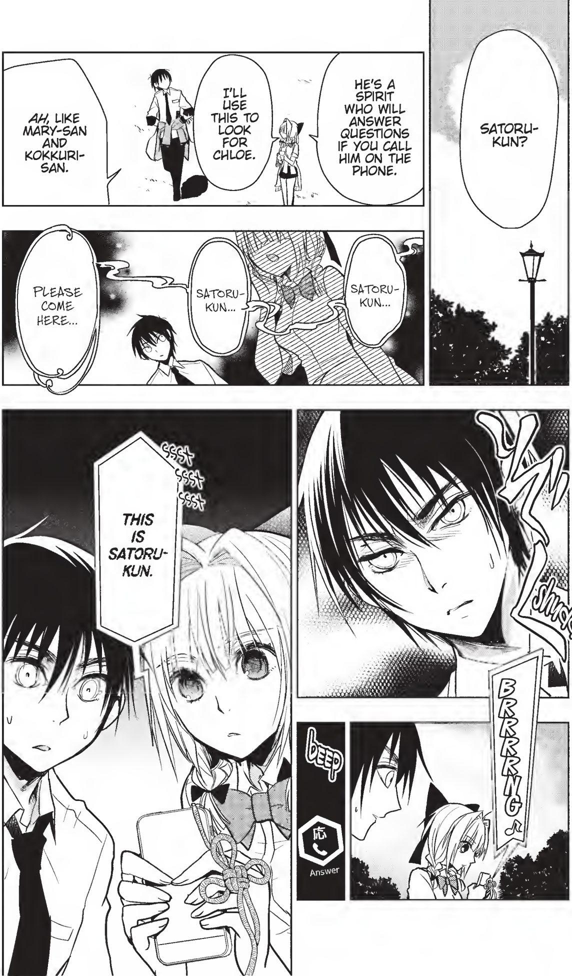
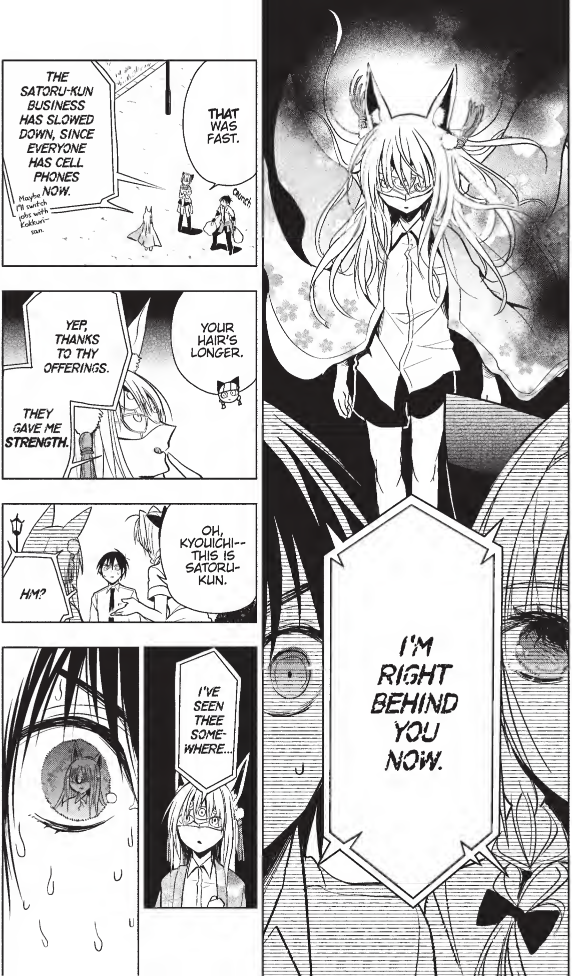
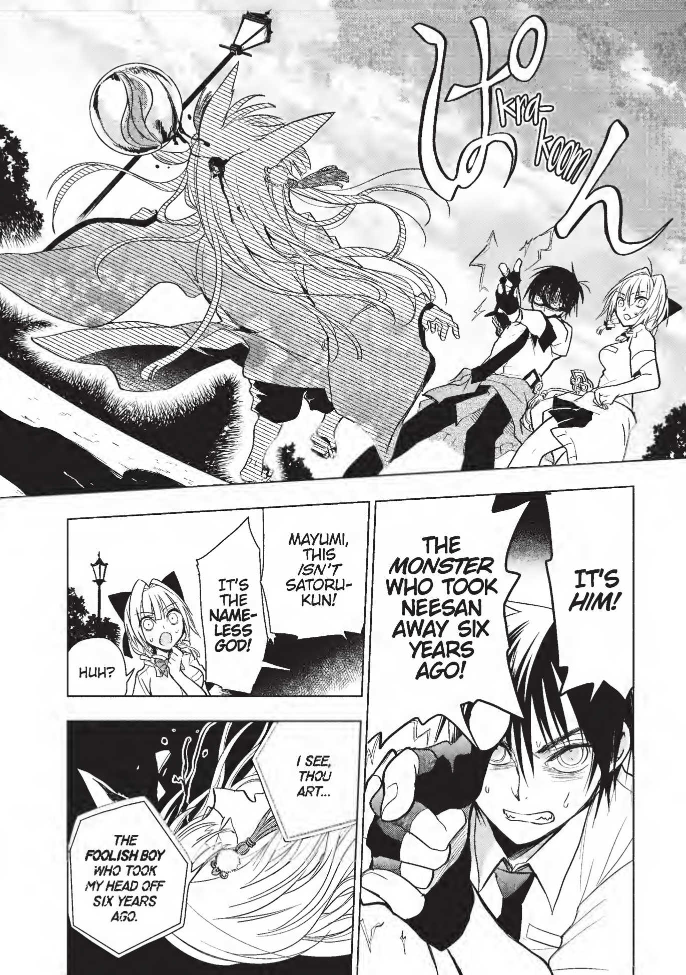

KYOUICHI, IT'S DANGEROUS UP THERE!
SHE PROMISED ME.
SHE SAID WE'D FILL OUT THE GHOST DIARY TOGETHER.
THAT WE'D FIND NEESAN.
WHERE COULD CHLOE HAVE GONE?

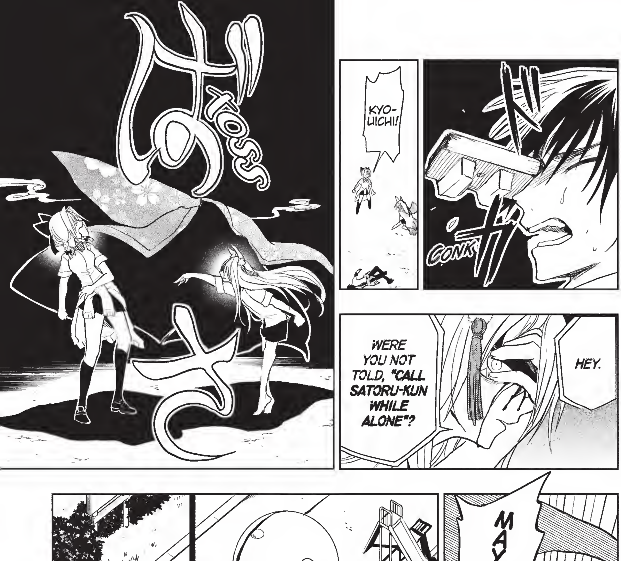

HERE, HAVE SOME.
shff
Yummy Sticks
Squid
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO EAT JUNK FOOD, MAYUMI.
SHUT UP. I EAT WHAT I WANT.
YOU KNOW, NEESAN OFTEN ATE SNACKS LIKE THIS.
IRK!
GLARE
WHA--?
WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
I WANT TO COMPLETE THE GHOST DIARY QUICKLY WITH CHLOE...
SO I CAN SHOW IT TO NEESAN.
YOU MEAN, YOU WANT TO COMPLETE IT AND THEN CONFESS YOUR LOVE TO YOUR SISTER!
WHAT?! NEESAN AND I AREN'T LIKE THAT!
DRINAG
OH, REALLY?

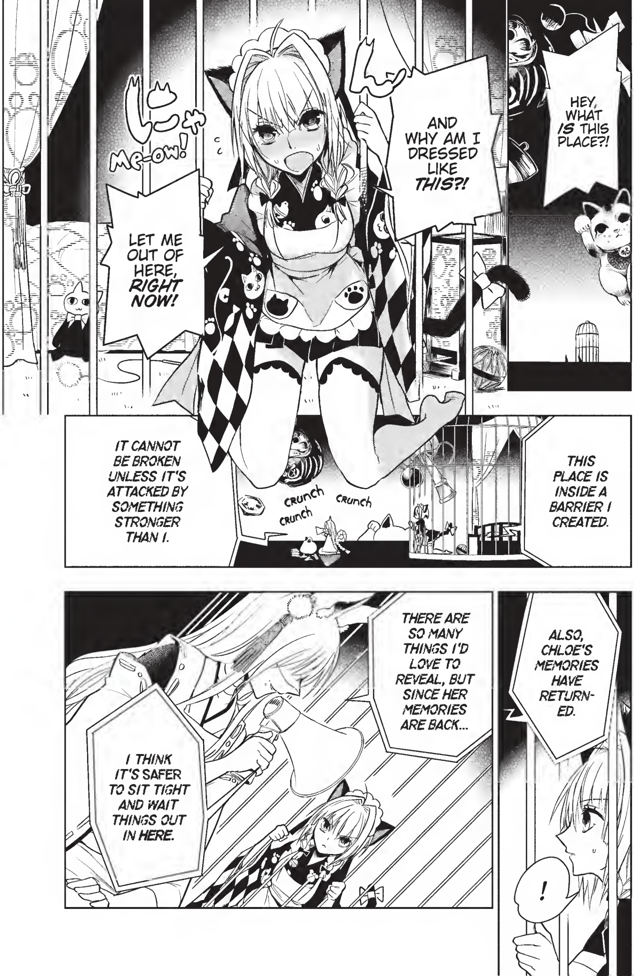

Constitution Article 734 (Forbids Marriage Between Close Relatives)
I ONLY LOVE NEESAN IN THE SENSE THAT I LOOK UP TO HER!
IT'S NOT A SEXUAL THING!
OBJECTION!
YOUR FEELINGS FOR YOUR SISTER GO WAY BEYOND THAT!
SHE WAS NOTHING BUT A NYMPHO WHO WOULD EVEN HIT ON HER LITTLE BROTHER!!
World's Most Trivial Courtroom
MAYUMI, WHY DO YOU HATE NEESAN SO MUCH?
Ah!
BECAUSE YOU'RE...!
turn
HEY!
BA-DUM
MA-YUMI!
BA-DUM
WHAT?!
YOU'RE SAYING IT'S MY FAULT?
BA-DUM どき
BA-DUM どき
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
CRAP! I ALMOST TOLD HIM HOW I FEEL...
W-WAIT, I REMEMBER!
bonk

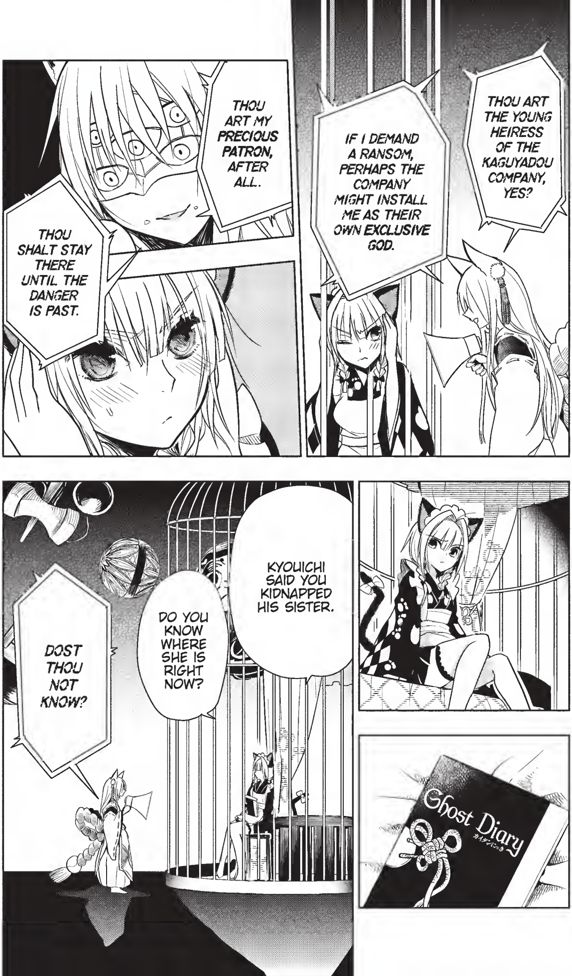

SATORU-KUN?
HE'S A SPIRIT WHO WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS IF YOU CALL HIM ON THE PHONE.
I'LL USE THIS TO LOOK FOR CHLOE.
AH, LIKE MARY-SAN AND KOKKURI-SAN.
SATORU-KUN...
SATORU-KUN...
PLEASE COME HERE...
shudder
BRRRRNG♫
beep
応
Answer
SSST SSST SSST
THIS IS SATORU-KUN.

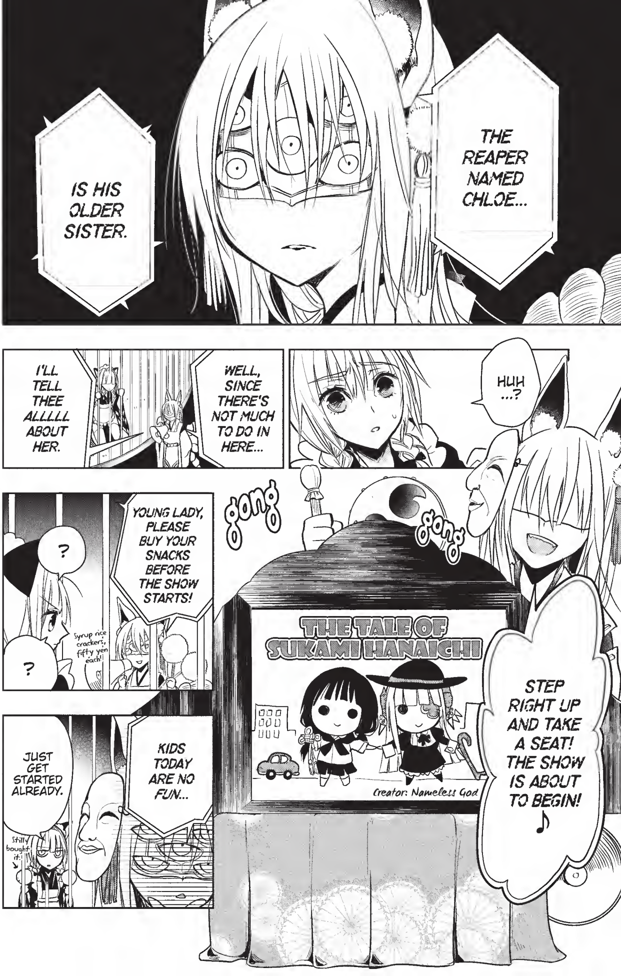

THAT WAS FAST.
CRUNCH
THE SATORU-KUN BUSINESS HAS SLOWED DOWN, SINCE EVERYONE HAS CELL PHONES NOW.
Maybe I'll switch jobs with Kokkuri-san.
YOUR HAIR'S LONGER.
YEP, THANKS TO THY OFFERINGS.
THEY GAVE ME STRENGTH.
OH, KYOUICHI-- THIS IS SATORU-KUN.
HM?
I'VE SEEN THEE SOME-WHERE...
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU NOW.


kra-koom
IT'S *HIM!*
THE *MONSTER* WHO TOOK NEESAN AWAY SIX YEARS AGO!
MAYUMI, THIS *ISN'T* SATORU-KUN!
IT'S THE NAMELESS GOD!
HUH?
I SEE, THOU ART...
THE FOOLISH BOY WHO TOOK MY HEAD OFF SIX YEARS AGO.

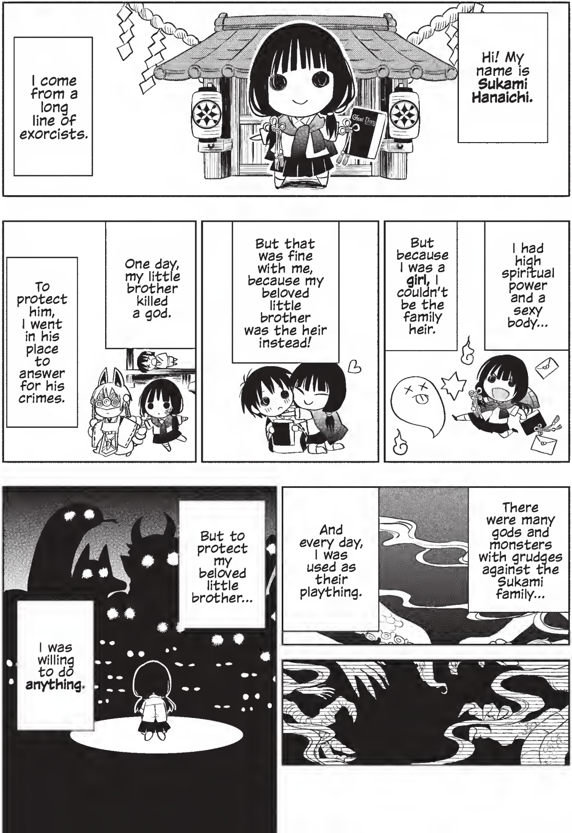

CONK
KYOU-UICHI!
TOSS
HEY.
WERE YOU NOT TOLD, "CALL SATORU-KUN WHILE ALONE"?
MAYUMI!

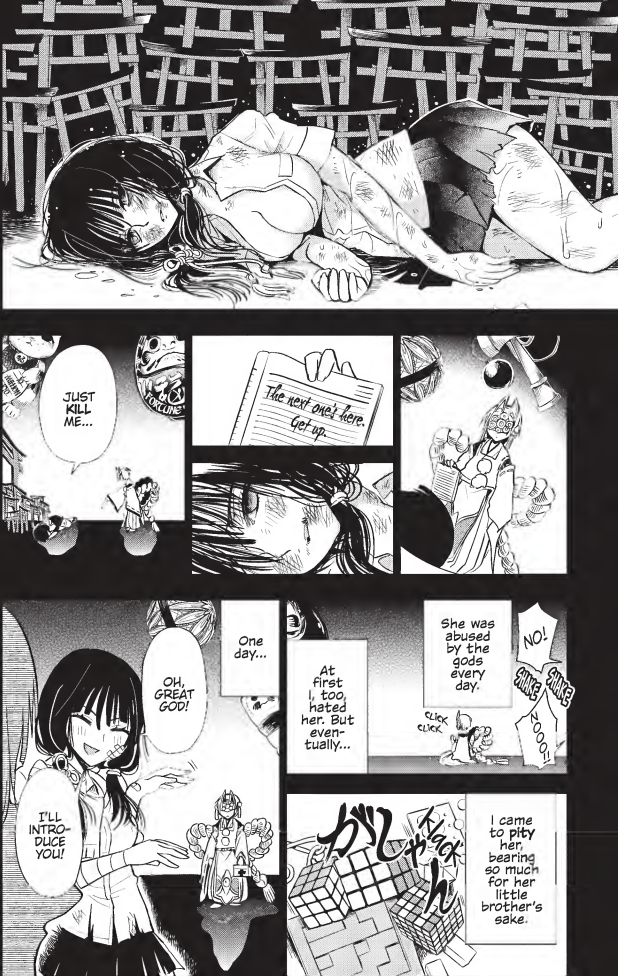

HEY, WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?!
AND WHY AM I DRESSED LIKE *THIS?!*
Me-ow!
LET ME OUT OF HERE, ***RIGHT NOW!***
THIS PLACE IS INSIDE A BARRIER I CREATED.
crunch crunch crunch
IT CANNOT BE BROKEN UNLESS IT'S ATTACKED BY SOMETHING STRONGER THAN I.
ALSO, CHLOE'S MEMORIES HAVE RETURN-ED.
!
THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I'D LOVE TO REVEAL, BUT SINCE HER MEMORIES ARE BACK...
I THINK IT'S SAFER TO SIT TIGHT AND WAIT THINGS OUT IN HERE.

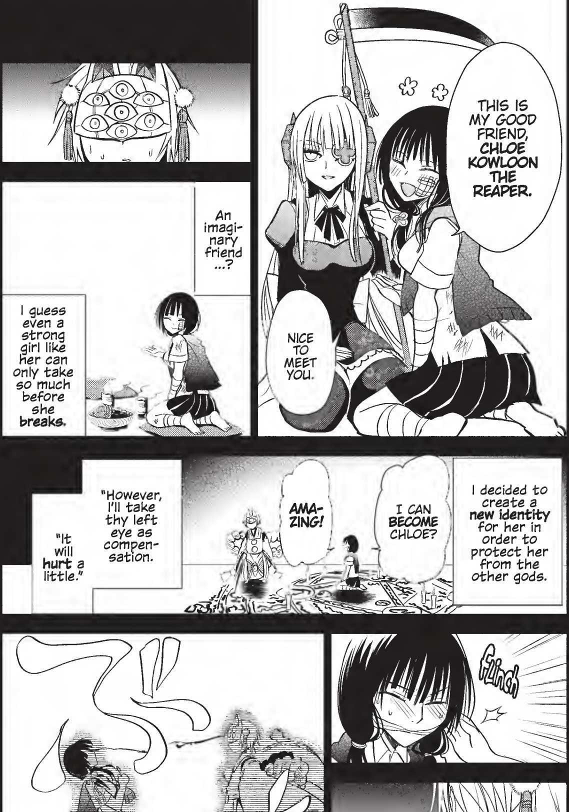

THOU ART THE YOUNG HEIRESS OF THE KAGUYADOU COMPANY, YES?
IF I DEMAND A RANSOM, PERHAPS THE COMPANY MIGHT INSTALL ME AS THEIR OWN EXCLUSIVE GOD.
THOU ART MY PRECIOUS PATRON, AFTER ALL.
THOU SHALT STAY THERE UNTIL THE DANGER IS PAST.
Ghost Diary
KYOUICHI SAID YOU KIDNAPPED HIS SISTER.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS RIGHT NOW?
DOST THOU NOT KNOW?

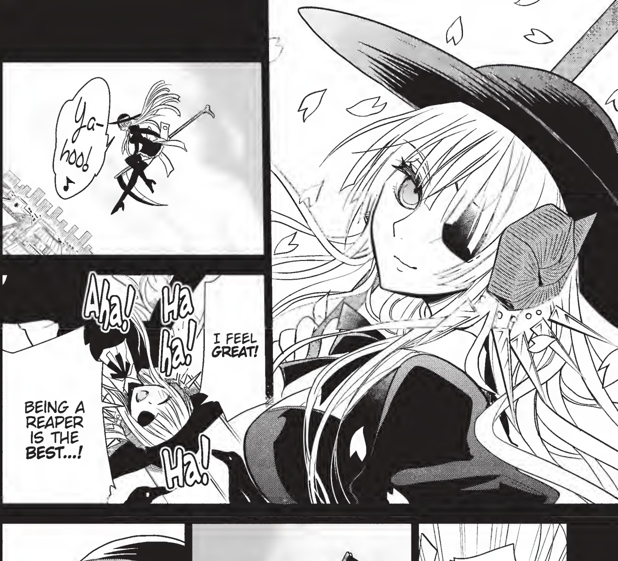

THE REAPER NAMED CHLOE...
IS HIS OLDER SISTER.
HUH ...?
WELL, SINCE THERE'S NOT MUCH TO DO IN HERE...
I'LL TELL THEE ALLLLLL ABOUT HER.
gong
gong
THE TALE OF SUKAMI HANAICHI
Creator: Nameless God
STEP RIGHT UP AND TAKE A SEAT! THE SHOW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN! ♪
YOUNG LADY, PLEASE BUY YOUR SNACKS BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS!
Syrup rice crackers, fifty yen each!
?
?
KIDS TODAY ARE NO FUN...
JUST GET STARTED ALREADY.
Still bought it!

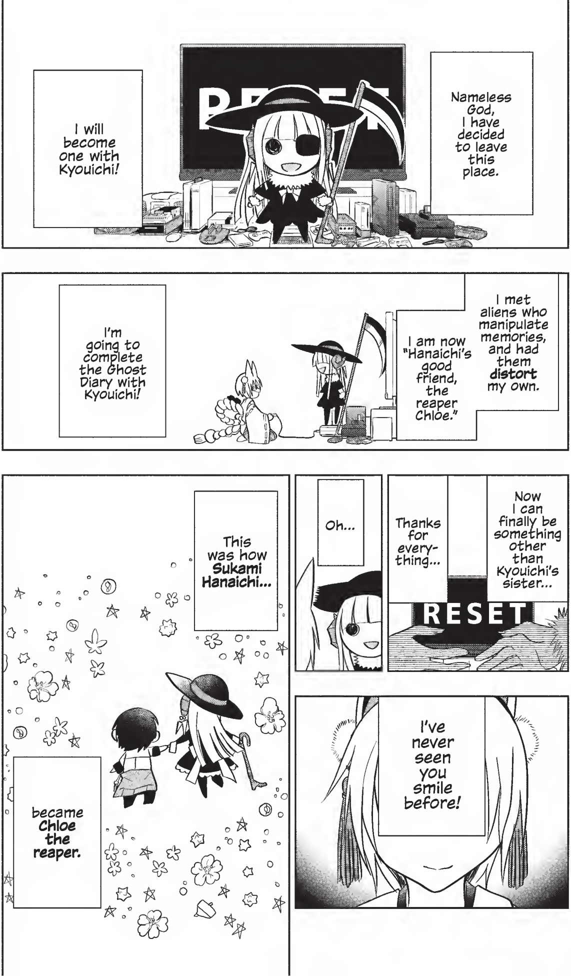
THE TALE OF SUKAMI HANAICHI

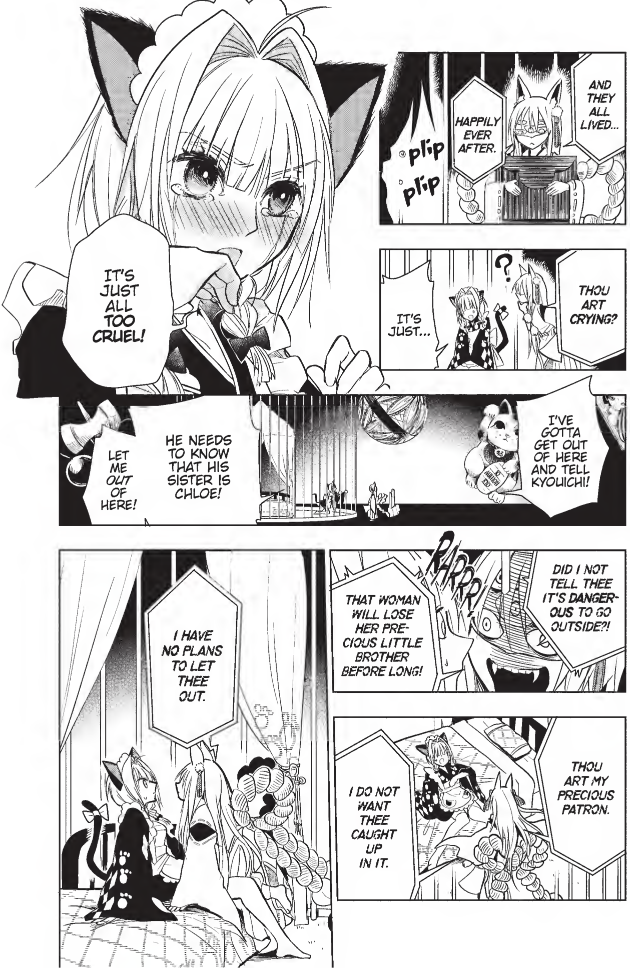

Hi! My name is **Sukami Hanaichi.**
I come from a long line of exorcists.
Ghost Diary
I had high spiritual power and a sexy body...
But because I was a **girl,** I couldn't be the family heir.
But that was fine with me, because my beloved little brother was the heir instead!
One day, my little brother killed a god.
To protect him, I went in his place to answer for his crimes.
There were many gods and monsters with grudges against the Sukami family...
And every day, I was used as their plaything.
But to protect my beloved little brother...
I was willing to do **anything.**

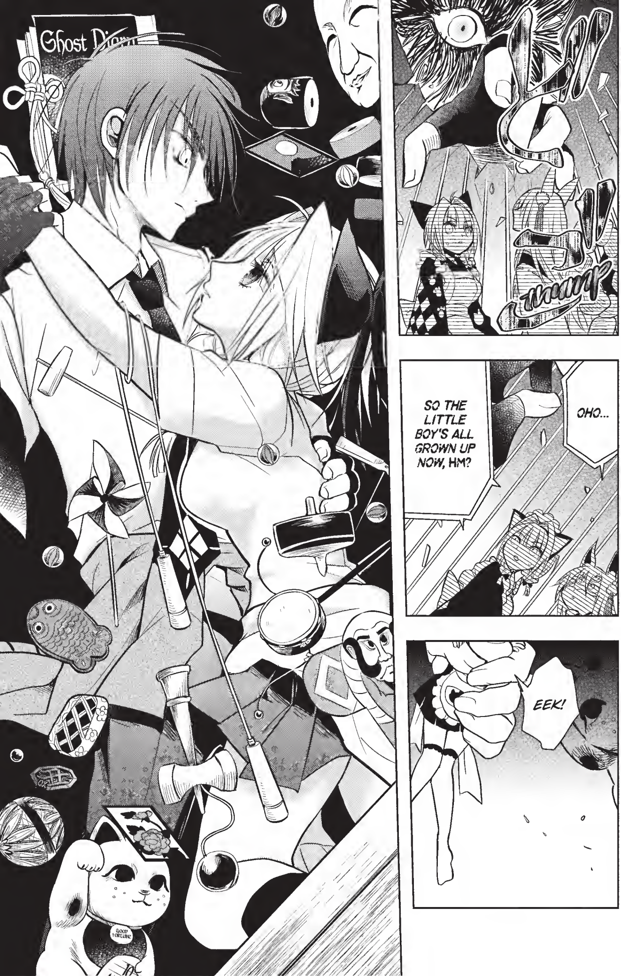

The next one's here. Get up.
FORTUNE
JUST KILL ME...
NO!
SHAKE
SHAKE
NOOO!!
CLICK CLICK
She was abused by the gods every day.
At first I, too, hated her. But eventually...
I came to pity her, bearing so much for her little brother's sake.
がしゃん
klack
One day...
OH, GREAT GOD!
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU!

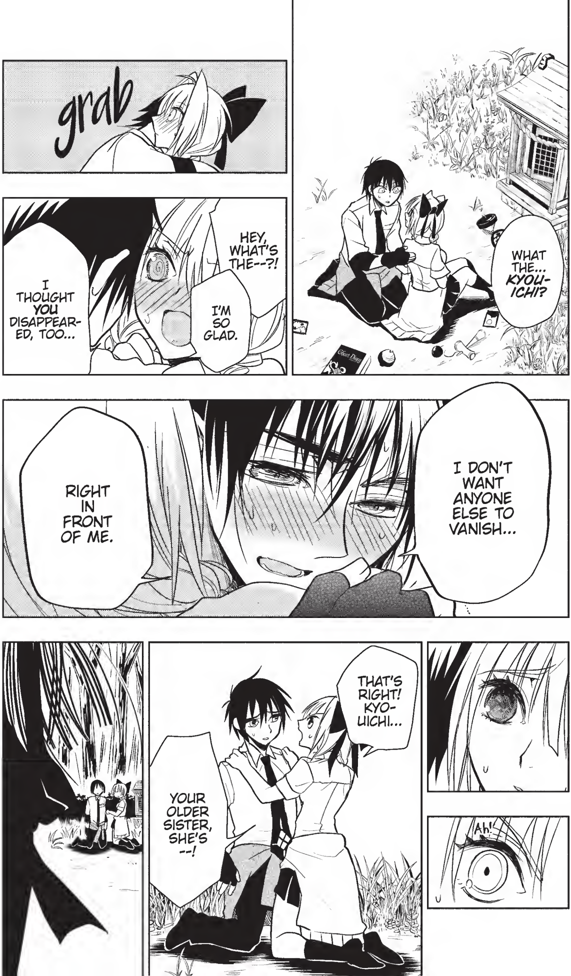

THIS IS MY GOOD FRIEND, **CHLOE KOWLOON THE REAPER.**
NICE TO MEET YOU.
An imaginary friend ...?
I guess even a strong girl like her can only take so much before she **breaks.**
I decided to create a **new identity** for her in order to protect her from the other gods.
I CAN **BECOME** CHLOE?
AMAZING!
"However, I'll take thy left eye as compensation.
"It will **hurt** a little."
flinch
pluck

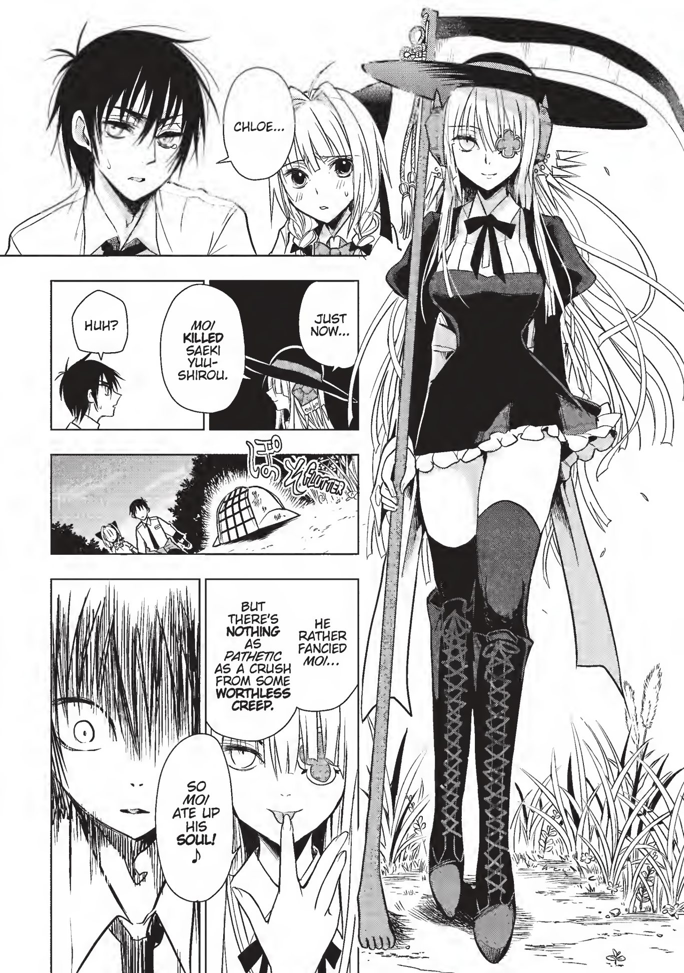

Ya-hoo! ♪
Aha! Ha ha! Ha!
I FEEL GREAT!
BEING A REAPER IS THE BEST...!
KYOU-ICHIIIII!

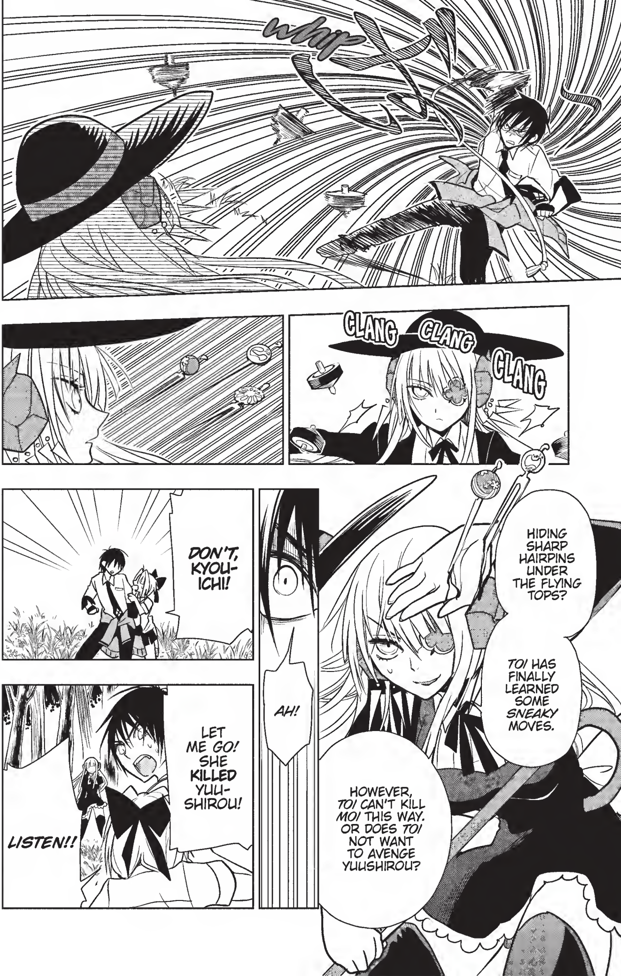

Nameless God, I have decided to leave this place.
I will become one with Kyouichi!
I met aliens who manipulate memories, and had them **distort** my own.
I am now "Hanaichi's good friend, the reaper Chloe."
I'm going to complete the Ghost Diary with Kyouichi!
Now I can finally be something other than Kyouichi's sister...
Thanks for everything...
RESET
Oh...
I've never seen you smile before!
This was how **Sukami Hanaichi...**
became **Chloe the reaper.**

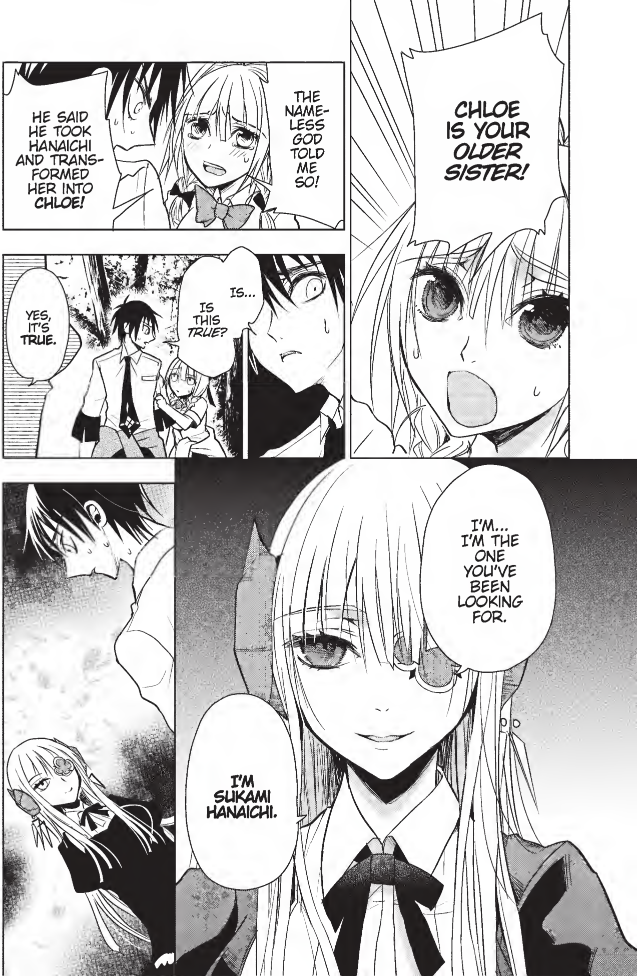

AND THEY ALL LIVED...
HAPPILY EVER AFTER.
plip plip
THOU ART CRYING?
IT'S JUST...
IT'S JUST ALL TOO CRUEL!
I'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE AND TELL KYOUICHI!
HE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT HIS SISTER IS CHLOE!
LET ME OUT OF HERE!
DID I NOT TELL THEE IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO OUTSIDE?!
RARRR!
THAT WOMAN WILL LOSE HER PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER BEFORE LONG!
THOU ART MY PRECIOUS PATRON.
I DO NOT WANT THEE CAUGHT UP IN IT.
I HAVE NO PLANS TO LET THEE OUT.

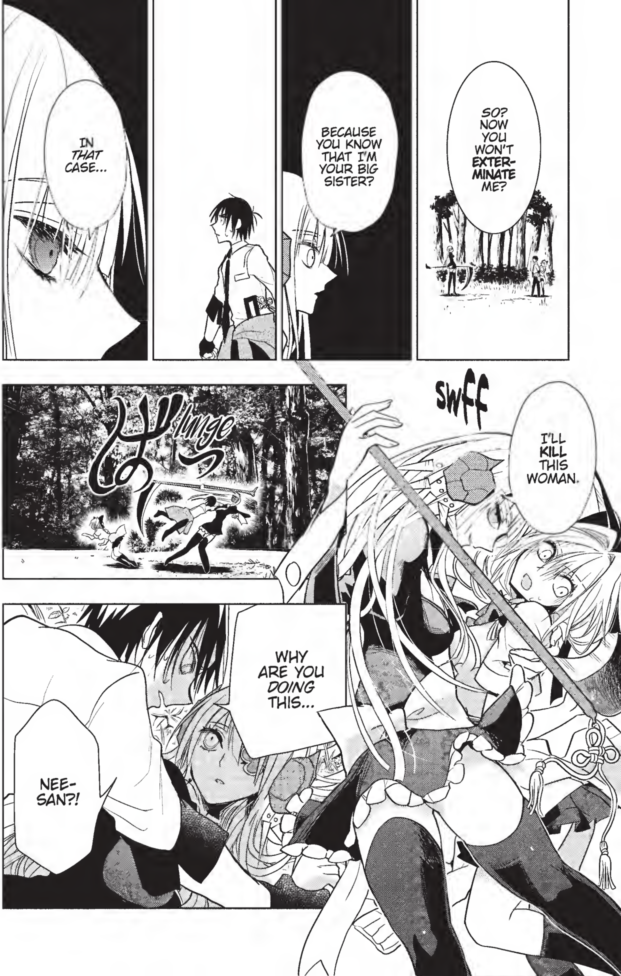

thump
OHO...
SO THE LITTLE BOY'S ALL GROWN UP NOW, HM?
EEK!
Ghost Diary
GOOD FORTUNE

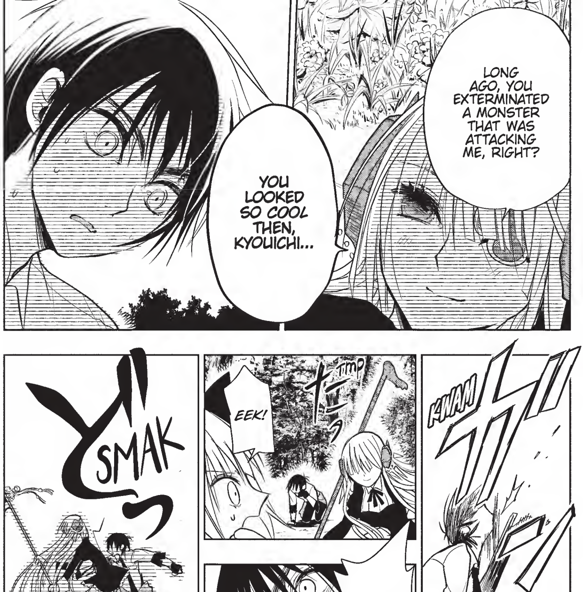

WHAT THE... KYOUICHI?
grab
HEY, WHAT'S THE--?!
I'M SO GLAD.
I THOUGHT YOU DISAPPEARED, TOO...
Ghost Diary
I DON'T WANT ANYONE ELSE TO VANISH...
RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
THAT'S RIGHT! KYOUICHI...
YOUR OLDER SISTER, SHE'S--!
Ah!

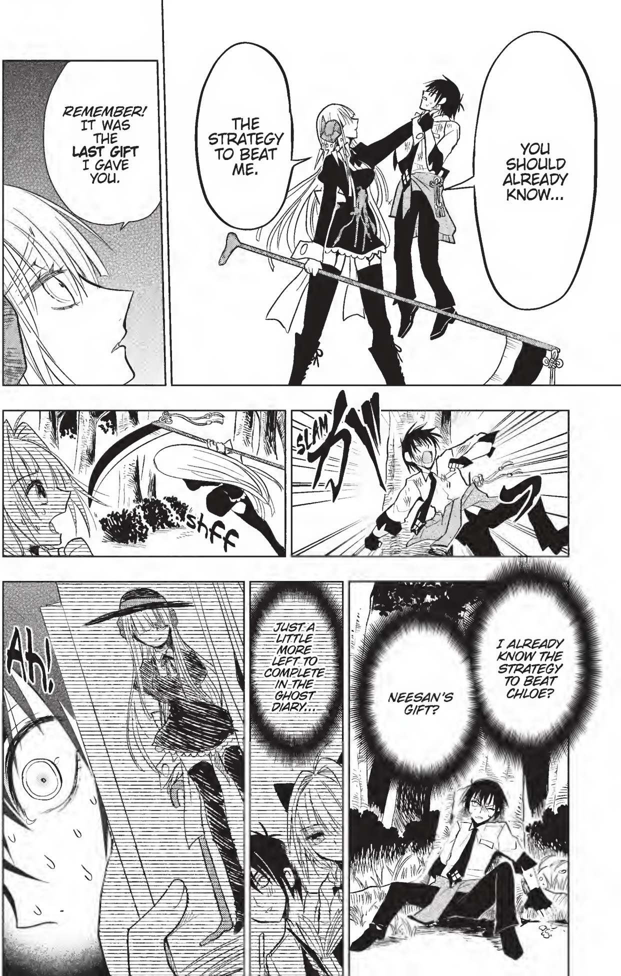

CHLOE...
JUST NOW...
MOI KILLED SAEKI YUU-SHIROU.
HUH?
ぽわん FLUTTER
HE RATHER FANCIED MOI...
BUT THERE'S NOTHING AS PATHETIC AS A CRUSH FROM SOME WORTHLESS CREEP.
SO MOI ATE UP HIS SOUL! ♪

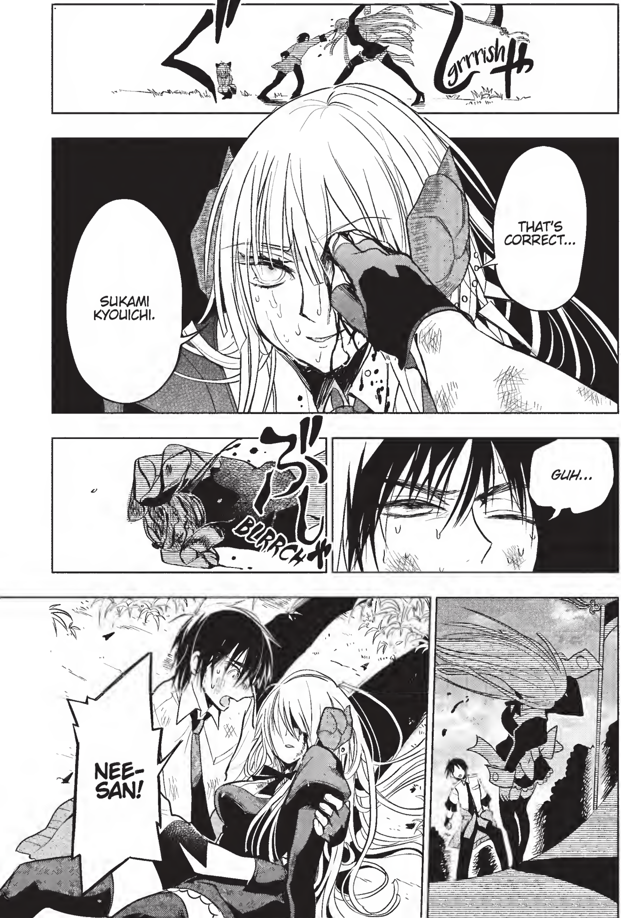

whip
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
HIDING SHARP HAIRPINS UNDER THE FLYING TOPS?
TOI HAS FINALLY LEARNED SOME *SNEAKY* MOVES.
HOWEVER, *TOI* CAN'T KILL *MOI* THIS WAY. OR DOES *TOI* NOT WANT TO AVENGE YUUSHIROU?
AH!
DON'T, KYOUICHI!
LET ME *GO!* SHE **KILLED** YUUSHIROU!
LISTEN!!


CHLOE IS YOUR OLDER SISTER!
THE NAMELESS GOD TOLD ME SO!
HE SAID HE TOOK HANAICHI AND TRANSFORMED HER INTO CHLOE!
IS...
IS THIS TRUE?
YES, IT'S TRUE.
I'M... I'M THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.
I'M SUKAMI HANAICHI.


SO? NOW YOU WON'T EXTERMINATE ME?
BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT I'M YOUR BIG SISTER?
IN *THAT* CASE...
SWFF
I'LL **KILL** THIS WOMAN.
lunge
WHY ARE YOU *DOING* THIS...
NEE-SAN?!


LONG AGO, YOU EXTERMINATED A MONSTER THAT WAS ATTACKING ME, RIGHT?
YOU LOOKED SO COOL THEN, KYOUICHI...
KWAM
TMP
EEK!
STOP IT!
SMAK
NO, KYOUICHI.
YOU CAN'T EXTERMINATE ME THAT WAY.
CRACK


YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW...
THE STRATEGY TO BEAT ME.
REMEMBER! IT WAS THE **LAST GIFT** I GAVE YOU.
SLAM
shff
I ALREADY KNOW THE STRATEGY TO BEAT CHLOE?
NEESAN'S GIFT?
JUST A LITTLE MORE LEFT TO COMPLETE IN THE GHOST DIARY...
Ah!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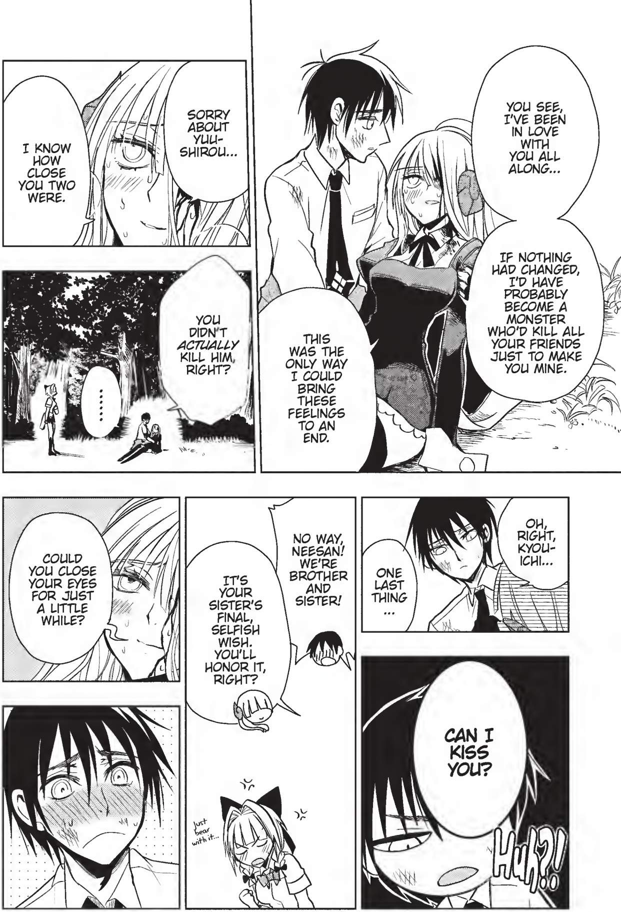
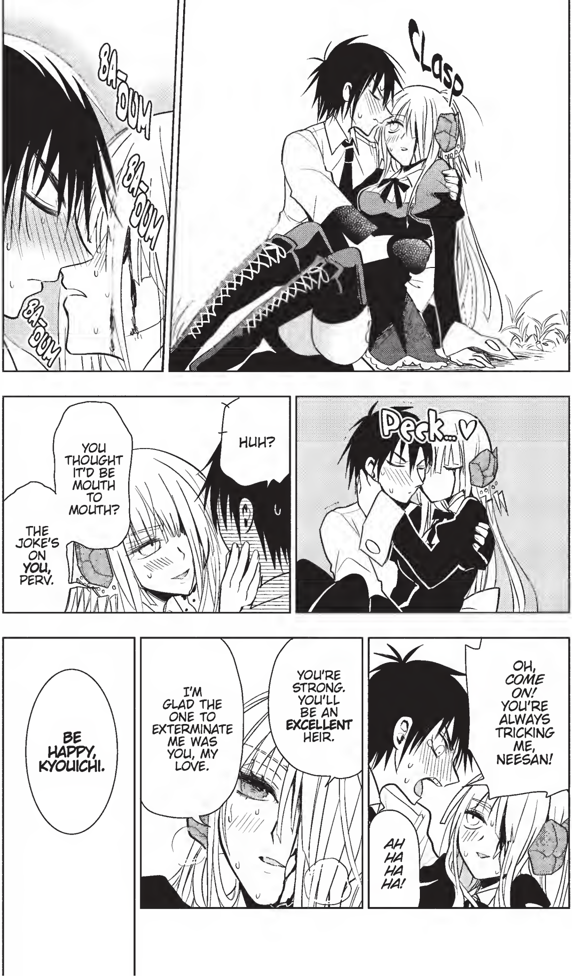
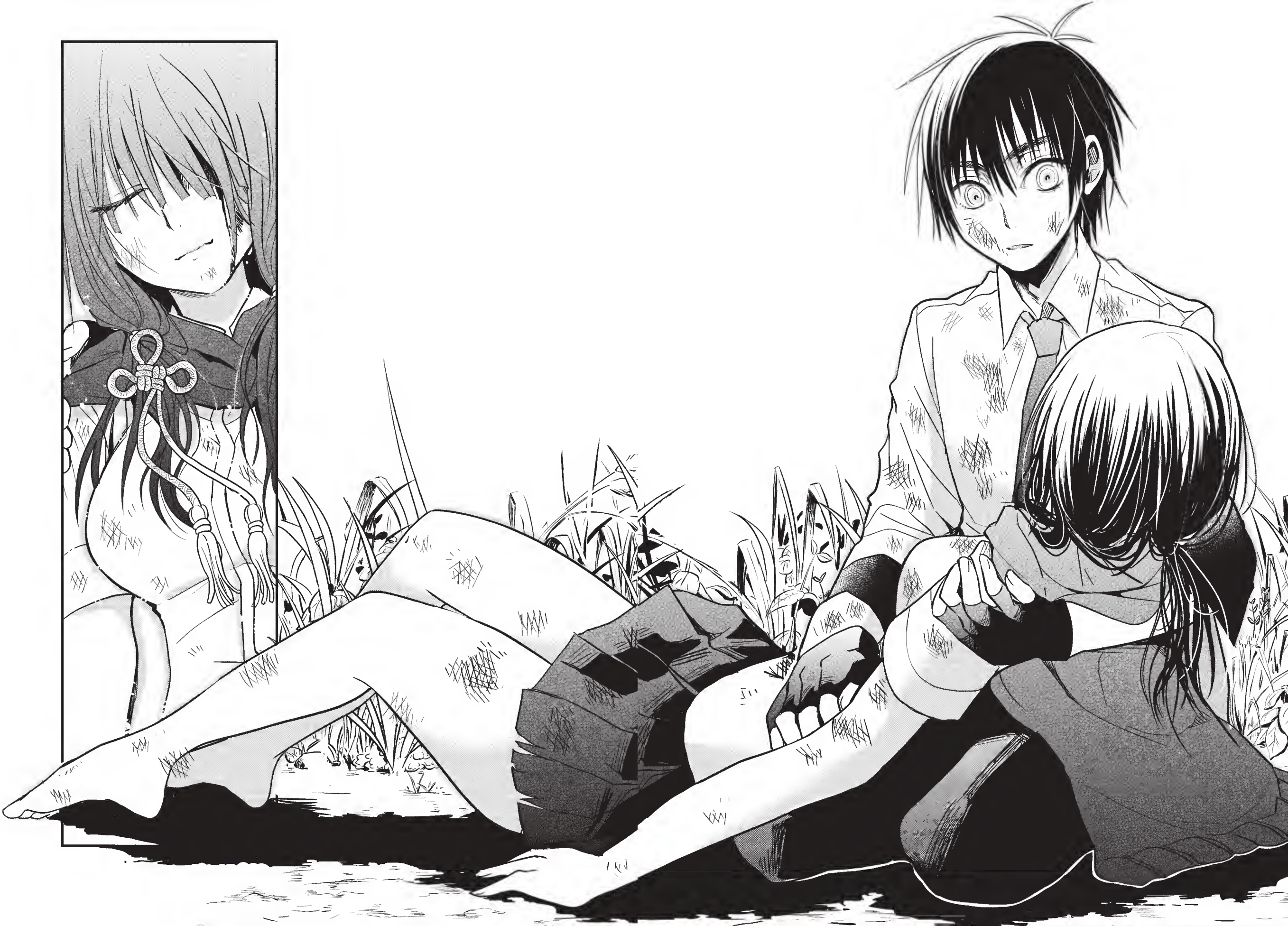
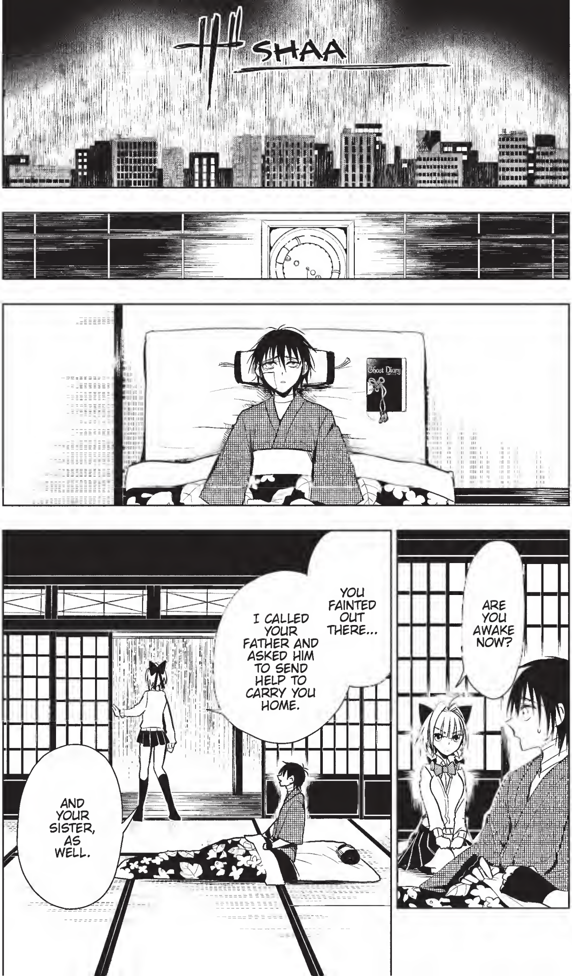
grrrish
THAT'S CORRECT...
SUKAMI KYOUICHI.
GUH...
ぶしゃ
BLRRCH
NEE-SAN!


YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN IN LOVE WITH YOU ALL ALONG...
IF NOTHING HAD CHANGED, I'D HAVE PROBABLY BECOME A MONSTER WHO'D KILL ALL YOUR FRIENDS JUST TO MAKE YOU MINE.
THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD BRING THESE FEELINGS TO AN END.
SORRY ABOUT YUU-SHIROU...
I KNOW HOW CLOSE YOU TWO WERE.
YOU DIDN'T *ACTUALLY* KILL HIM, RIGHT?
......
OH, RIGHT, KYOUICHI...
ONE LAST THING...
CAN I KISS YOU?
HUH?!
NO WAY, NEESAN! WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER!
IT'S YOUR SISTER'S FINAL, SELFISH WISH. YOU'LL HONOR IT, RIGHT?
just bear with it...
COULD YOU CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE?


CLASP
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
BA-DUM
Peck...♥
HUH?
YOU THOUGHT IT'D BE MOUTH TO MOUTH?
THE JOKE'S ON **YOU**, PERV.
OH, *COME ON!* YOU'RE ALWAYS TRICKING ME, NEESAN!
AH HA HA HA!
YOU'RE STRONG. YOU'LL BE AN **EXCELLENT** HEIR.
I'M GLAD THE ONE TO EXTERMINATE ME WAS YOU, MY LOVE.
BE HAPPY, KYOUICHI.

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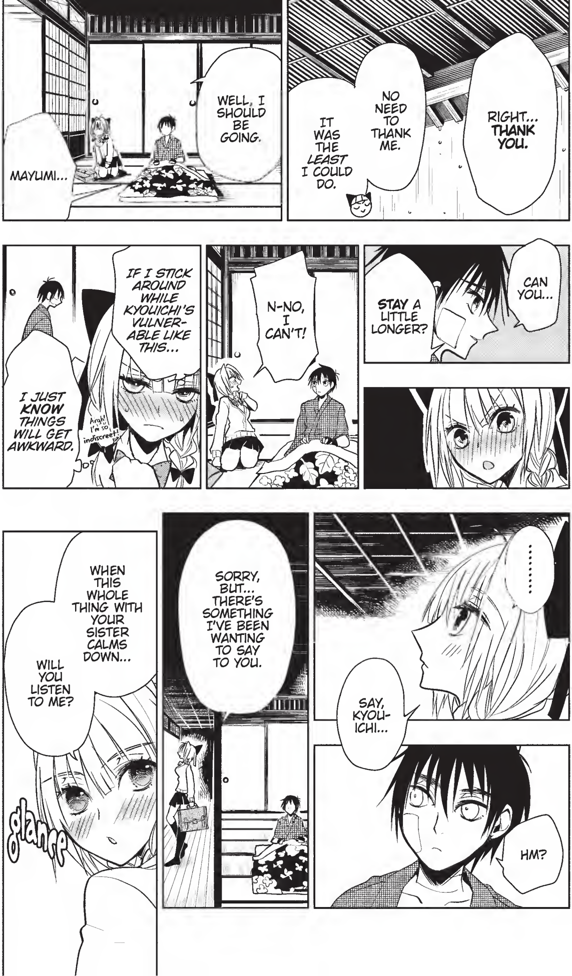
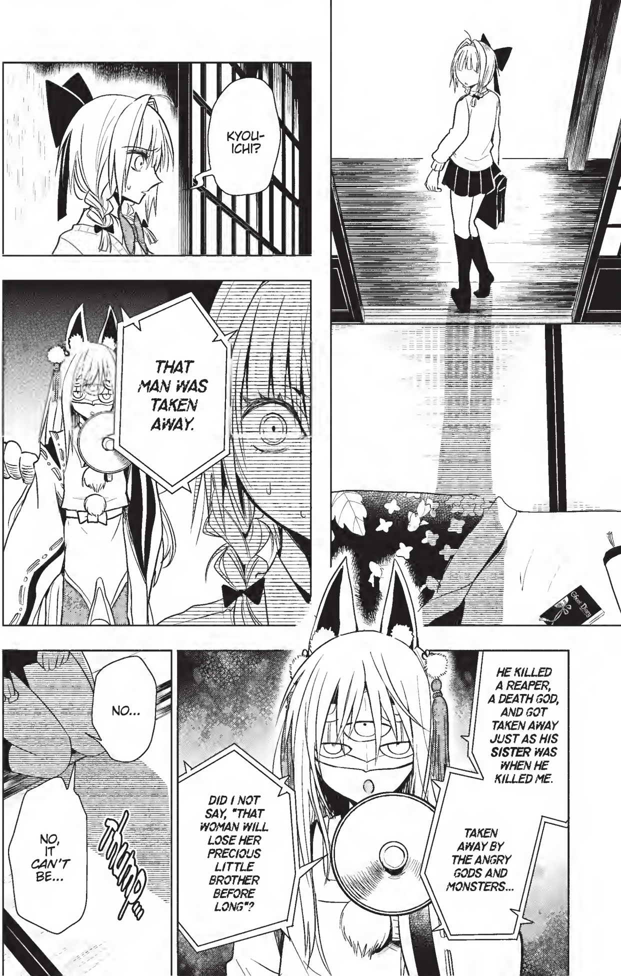
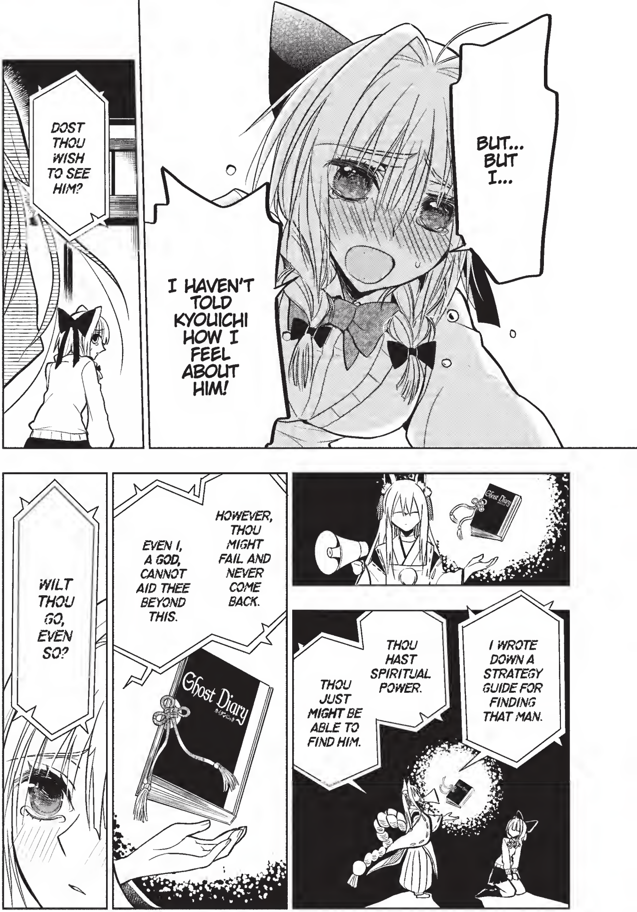
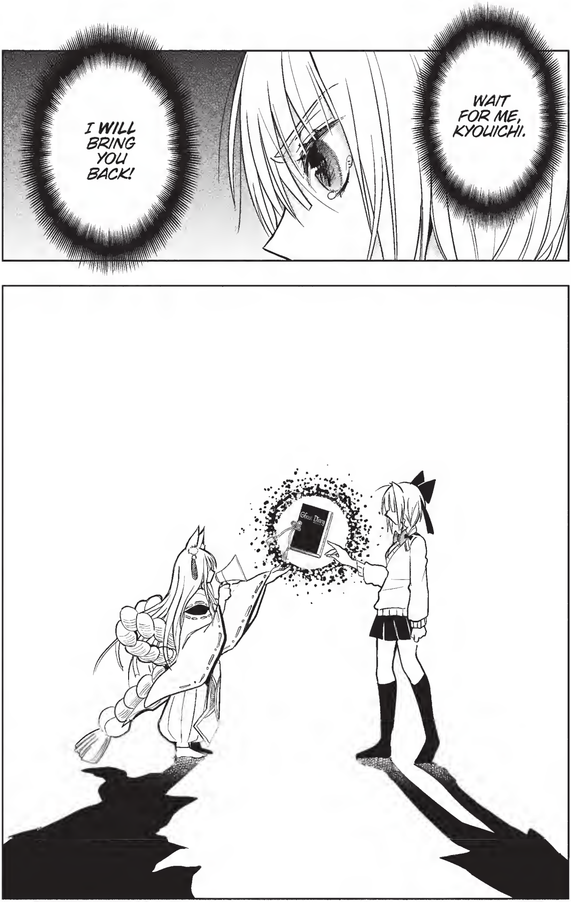
Ghost Diary
ARE YOU AWAKE NOW?
YOU FAINTED OUT THERE...
I CALLED YOUR FATHER AND ASKED HIM TO SEND HELP TO CARRY YOU HOME.
AND YOUR SISTER, AS WELL.

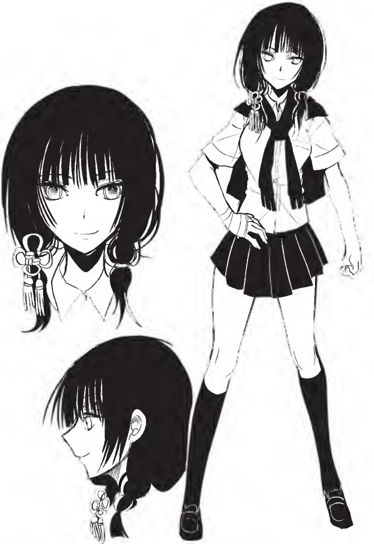

RIGHT... **THANK YOU.**
NO NEED TO THANK ME.
IT WAS THE *LEAST* I COULD DO.
WELL, I SHOULD BE GOING.
MAYUMI...
CAN YOU...
STAY A LITTLE LONGER?
N-NO, I CAN'T!
IF I STICK AROUND WHILE KYOUICHI'S VULNERABLE LIKE THIS...
*I JUST **KNOW** THINGS WILL GET AWKWARD.*
Argh! I'm so indiscreet!
......
SAY, KYOUICHI...
HM?
SORRY, BUT... THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WANTING TO SAY TO YOU.
WHEN THIS WHOLE THING WITH YOUR SISTER CALMS DOWN...
WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?
glance


KYOU-ICHI?
Ghost Diary
THAT MAN WAS TAKEN AWAY.
HE KILLED A REAPER, A DEATH GOD, AND GOT TAKEN AWAY JUST AS HIS SISTER WAS WHEN HE KILLED ME.
TAKEN AWAY BY THE ANGRY GODS AND MONSTERS...
DID I NOT SAY, "THAT WOMAN WILL LOSE HER PRECIOUS LITTLE BROTHER BEFORE LONG"?
NO...
NO, IT CAN'T BE...
Thump


BUT... BUT I...
I HAVEN'T TOLD KYOUICHI HOW I FEEL ABOUT HIM!
DOST THOU WISH TO SEE HIM?
Ghost Diary
I WROTE DOWN A STRATEGY GUIDE FOR FINDING THAT MAN.
THOU HAST SPIRITUAL POWER.
THOU JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND HIM.
HOWEVER, THOU MIGHT FAIL AND NEVER COME BACK.
EVEN I, A GOD, CANNOT AID THEE BEYOND THIS.
Ghost Diary
WILT THOU GO, EVEN SO?


WAIT FOR ME, KYOUICHI.
I WILL BRING YOU BACK!
Ghost Diary

Kaidannikki



Strong and beautiful, Kyouichi's older sister, Sukami Hanaichi

Chloe and Hanaichi being the same person was a twist that had been decided upon since the series began, but I wonder if I was able to draw it so that it would be a surprise...

Actually, the fact that Kyouichi-kun is short was also a metaphor for how he won't surpass Hanaichi *(ha ha!)*.

Here's a little bit of trivia... So, there are many types of spiritual practitioners: people who call down spirits, people who work magic spells, exorcists who exterminate spirits, etc., etc...

People who work magic spells--such as for possession-casting or curse-poisoning--are often depicted as being women, so I have Hanaichi use more spell-type techniques.

Conversely, exorcists and *onmyou* diviners are stereotypically men, so I have Kyouichi use more exorcist-type techniques...I can be a bit particular about some things *(heh!)*.

Even in Japan, there are apparently several existing family lines of possession-casters and exorcists. As a lover of the occult, I would like to talk to such people someday.

Today's Theme: Sukami Hanaichi

Ghost Diary
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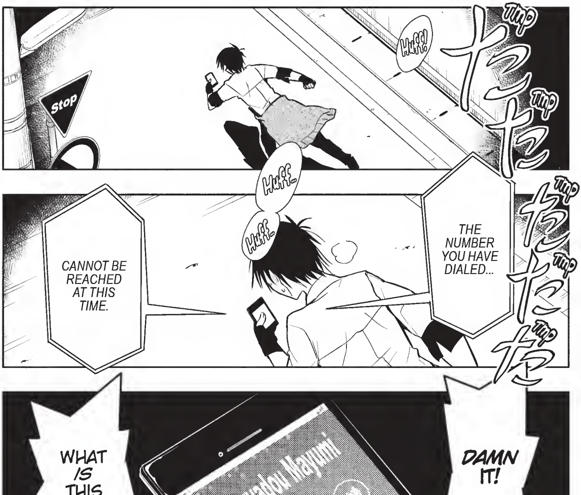
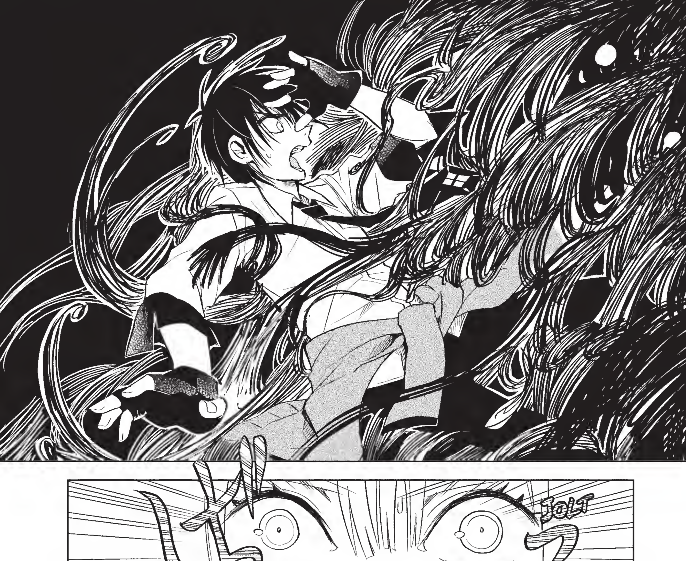

たたた
Tmp
Tmp
Huff!
Stop
Huff...
たたた
Tmp
Tmp
Tmp
THE NUMBER YOU HAVE DIALED...
CANNOT BE REACHED AT THIS TIME.
Huff...
DAMN IT!
WHAT *IS* THIS PLACE?!
Kaguyadou Mayumi
ごぉおお
GRAAAAH!!
Gasp!
Kaguyadou Mayumi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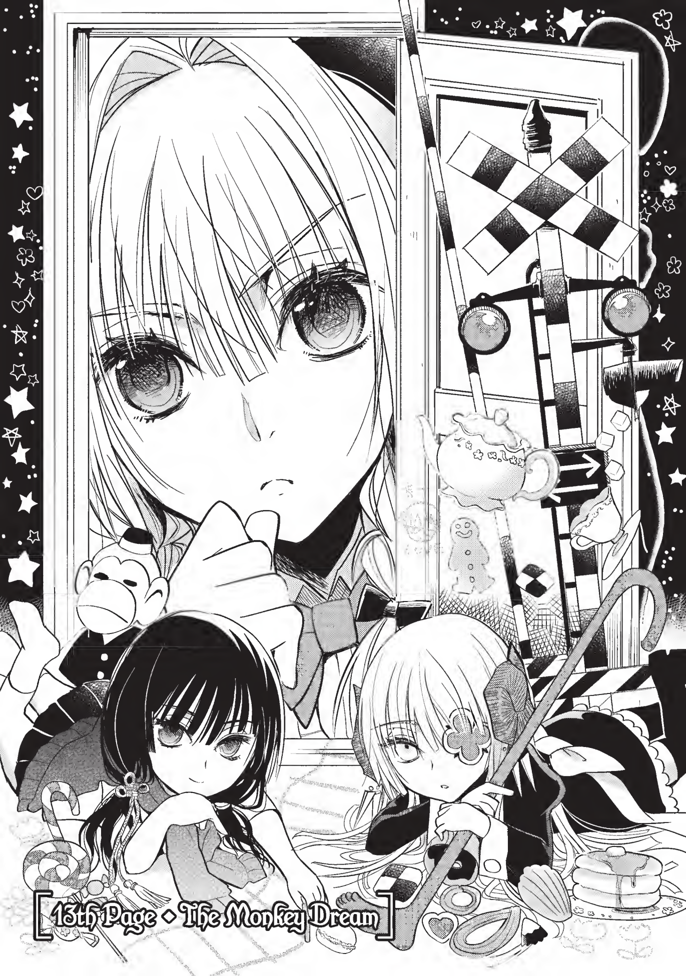
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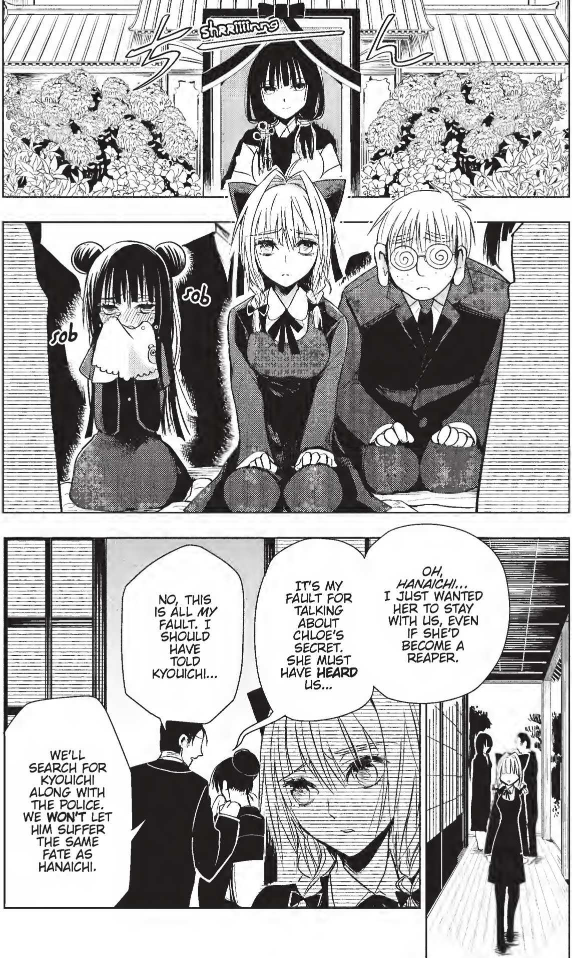
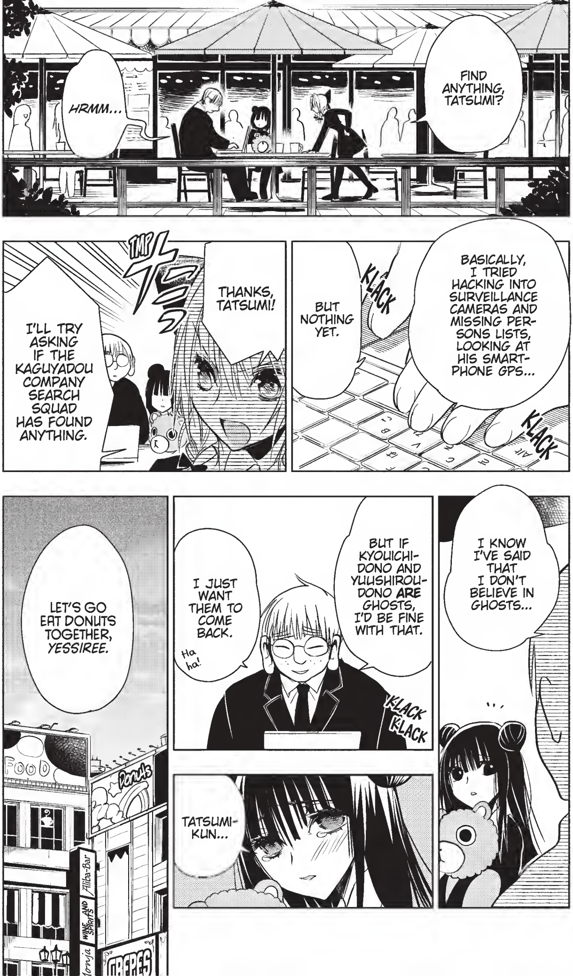
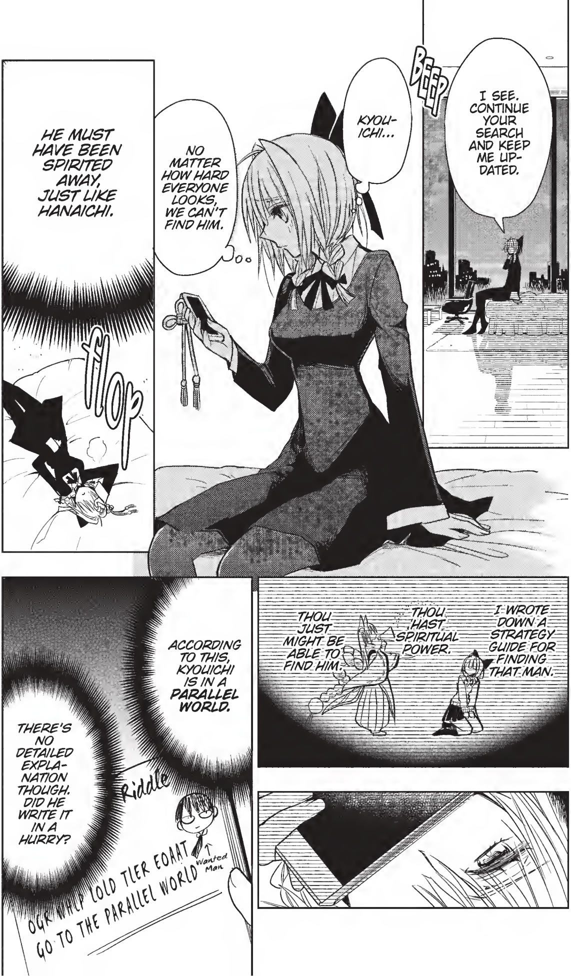
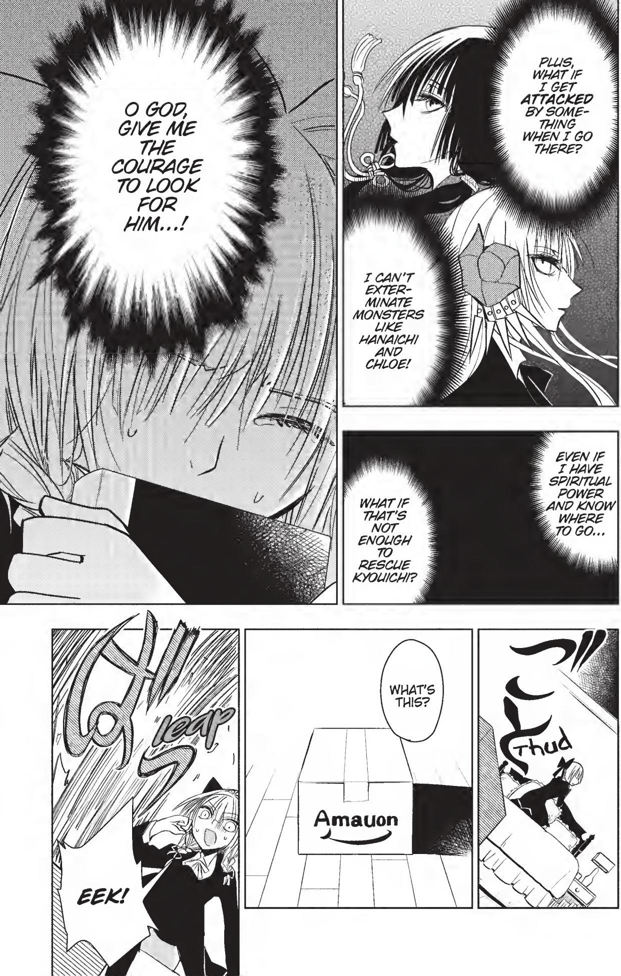
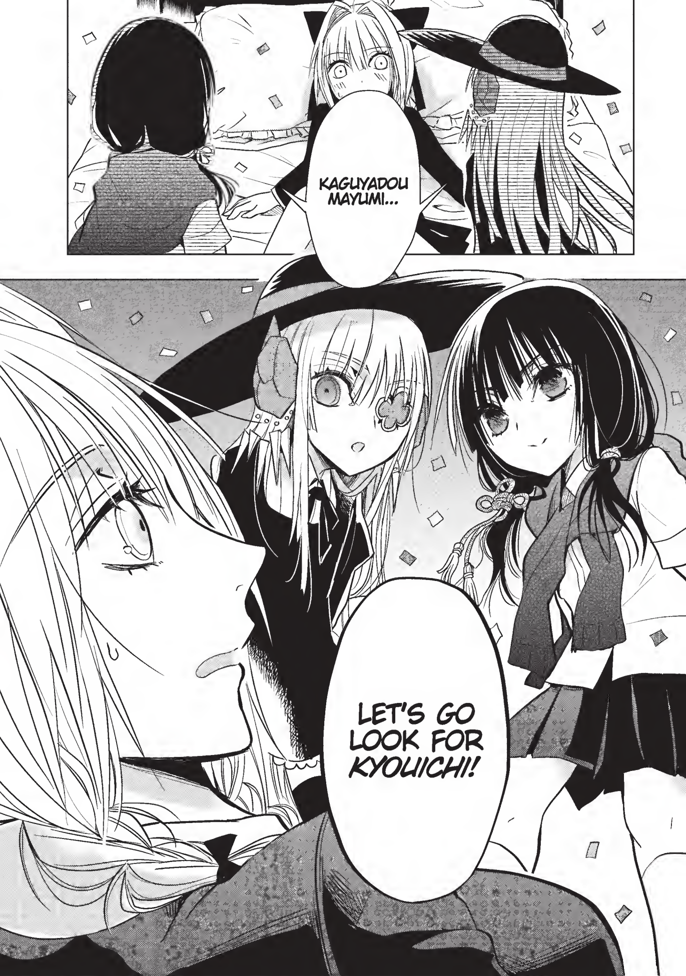
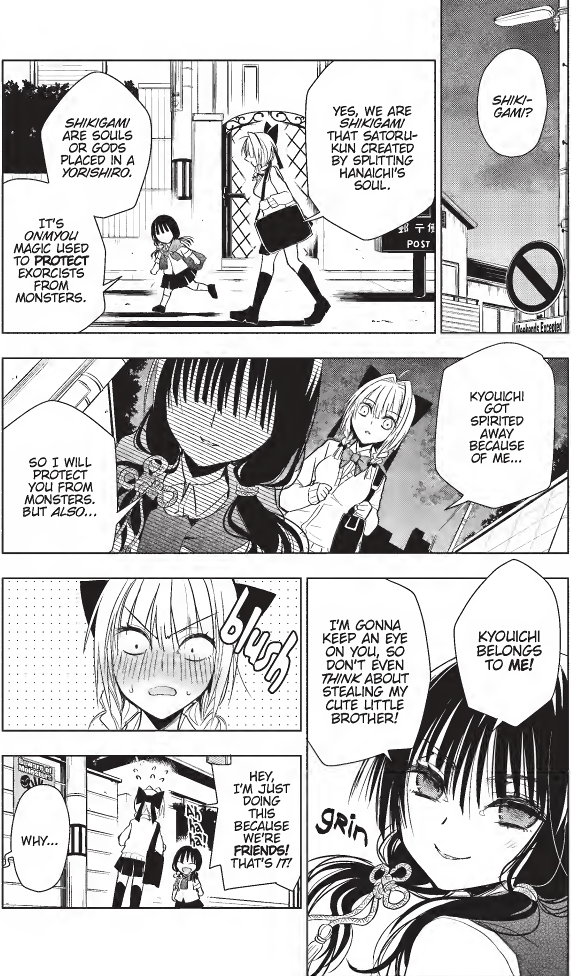

shrriiiinng
sob
sob
OH, *HANAICHI*... I JUST WANTED HER TO STAY WITH US, EVEN IF SHE'D BECOME A REAPER.
IT'S MY FAULT FOR TALKING ABOUT CHLOE'S SECRET. SHE MUST HAVE **HEARD** US...
NO, THIS IS ALL *MY* FAULT. I SHOULD HAVE TOLD KYOUICHI...
WE'LL SEARCH FOR KYOUICHI ALONG WITH THE POLICE. WE **WON'T** LET HIM SUFFER THE SAME FATE AS HANAICHI.

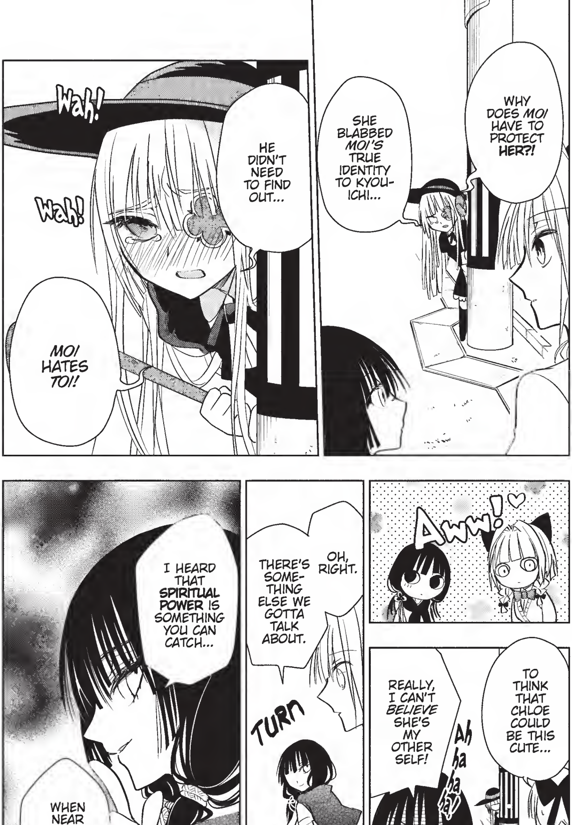

FIND ANYTHING, TATSUMI?
HRMM...
BASICALLY, I TRIED HACKING INTO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS AND MISSING PERSONS LISTS, LOOKING AT HIS SMARTPHONE GPS...
KLACK
BUT NOTHING YET.
KLACK
THANKS, TATSUMI!
TMP
I'LL TRY ASKING IF THE KAGUYADOU COMPANY SEARCH SQUAD HAS FOUND ANYTHING.
I KNOW I'VE SAID THAT I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS...
...
BUT IF KYOUICHI-DONO AND YUUSHIROU-DONO **ARE** GHOSTS, I'D BE FINE WITH THAT.
I JUST WANT THEM TO COME BACK.
Ha ha!
KLACK KLACK
TATSUMI-KUN...
LET'S GO EAT DONUTS TOGETHER, *YESSIREE.*
Food
Donuts
Alliba-Bar
WINE AND SPIRITS
Monja
CREPES

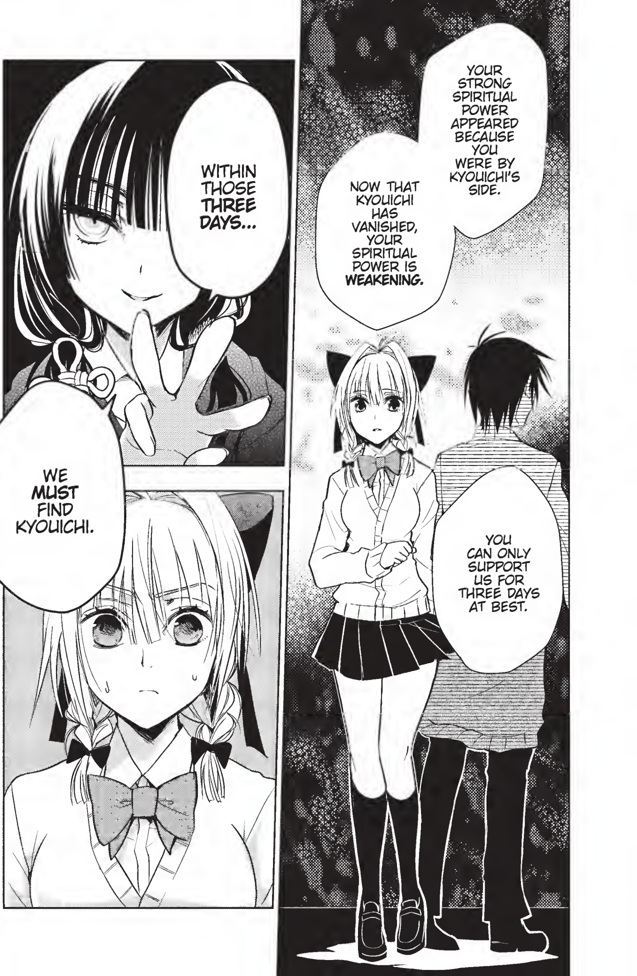

BEEP
I SEE. CONTINUE YOUR SEARCH AND KEEP ME UPDATED.
KYOUICHI...
NO MATTER HOW HARD EVERYONE LOOKS, WE CAN'T FIND HIM.
HE MUST HAVE BEEN SPIRITED AWAY, JUST LIKE HANAICHI.
flop
I WROTE DOWN A STRATEGY GUIDE FOR FINDING THAT MAN.
THOU HAST SPIRITUAL POWER.
THOU JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND HIM.
ACCORDING TO THIS, KYOUICHI IS IN A PARALLEL WORLD.
THERE'S NO DETAILED EXPLANATION THOUGH. DID HE WRITE IT IN A HURRY?
Riddle
Wanted Man
OGR WHLP LOLD TLER EOAAT
GO TO THE PARALLEL WORLD

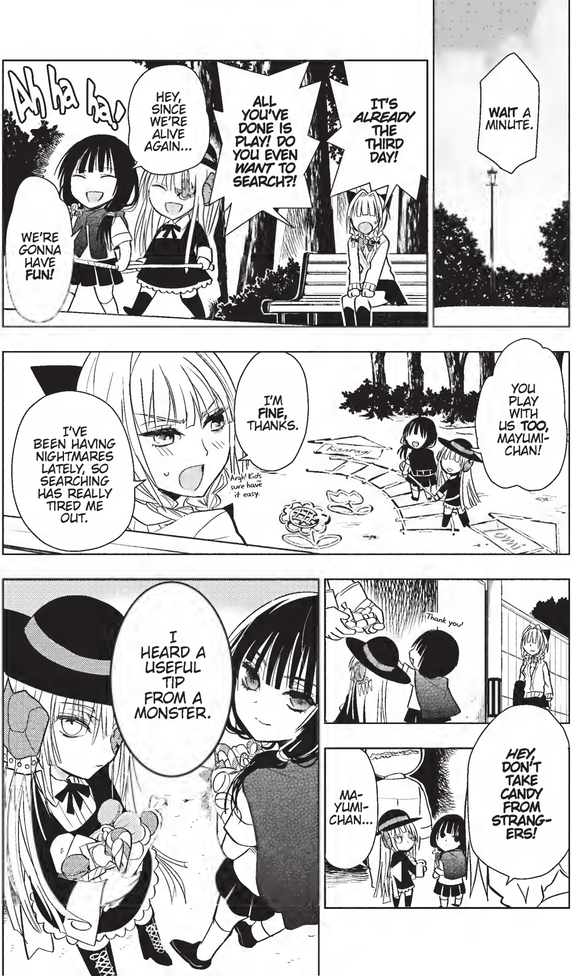

PLUS, WHAT IF I GET ATTACKED BY SOMETHING WHEN I GO THERE?
I CAN'T EXTERMINATE MONSTERS LIKE HANAICHI AND CHLOE!
EVEN IF I HAVE SPIRITUAL POWER AND KNOW WHERE TO GO...
WHAT IF THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO RESCUE KYOUICHI?
O GOD, GIVE ME THE COURAGE TO LOOK FOR HIM...!
Thud
WHAT'S THIS?
Amauon
leap
EEK!

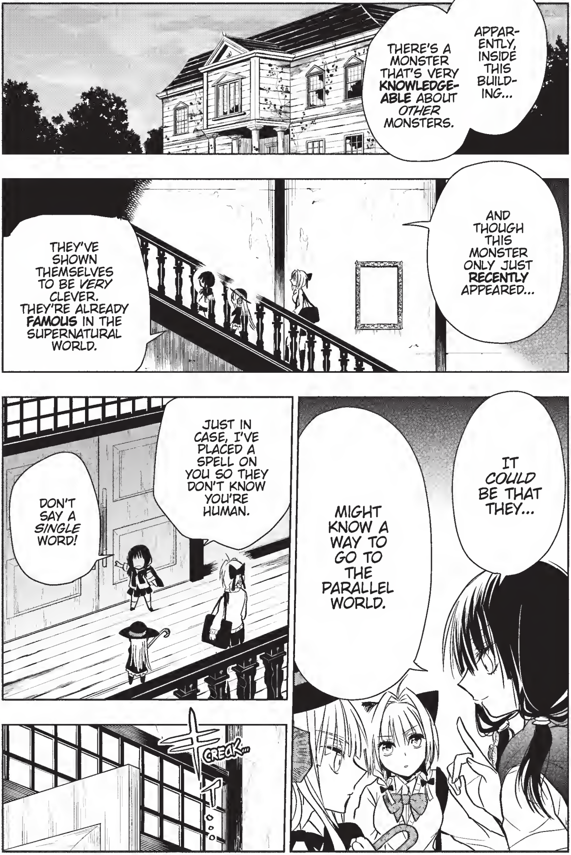

KAGUYADOU MAYUMI...
LET'S GO LOOK FOR *KYOUICHI*!

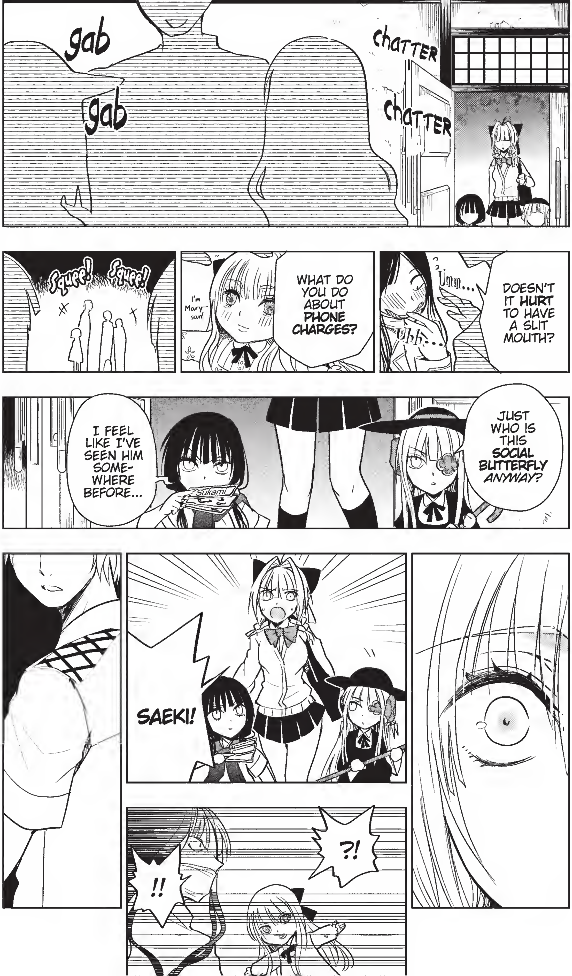

SHIKI-GAMI?
YES, WE ARE SHIKIGAMI THAT SATORU-KUN CREATED BY SPLITTING HANAICHI'S SOUL.
SHIKIGAMI ARE SOULS OR GODS PLACED IN A YORISHIRO.
IT'S ONMYOU MAGIC USED TO PROTECT EXORCISTS FROM MONSTERS.
POST
Weekends Excepted
KYOUICHI GOT SPIRITED AWAY BECAUSE OF ME...
SO I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM MONSTERS. BUT ALSO...
KYOUICHI BELONGS TO ME!
I'M GONNA KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, SO DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT STEALING MY CUTE LITTLE BROTHER!
grin
blush
HEY, I'M JUST DOING THIS BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS! THAT'S IT!
Ah ha ha!
WHY...
Beware of Molesters

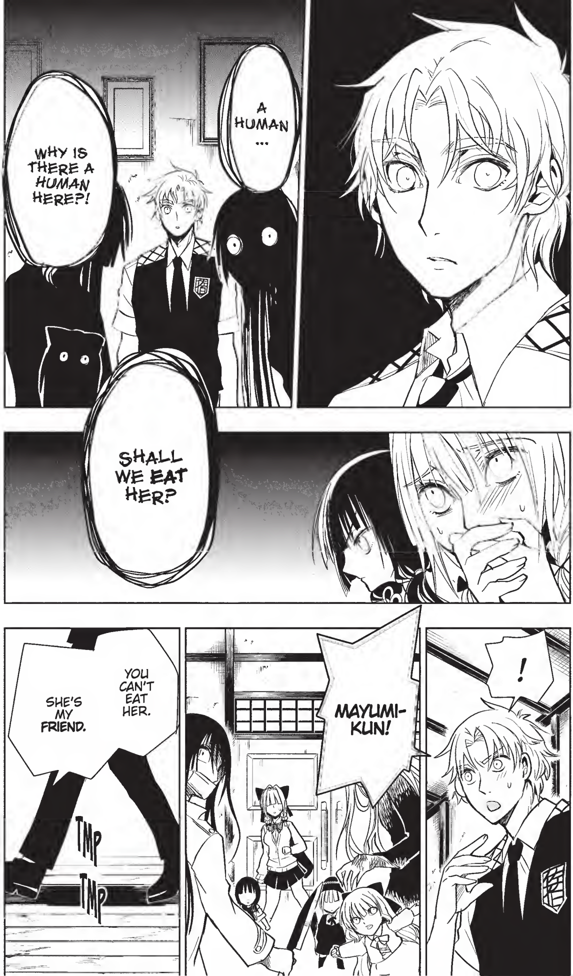

WHY DOES MOI HAVE TO PROTECT HER?!
SHE BLABBED MOI'S TRUE IDENTITY TO KYOU-ICHI...
HE DIDN'T NEED TO FIND OUT...
Wah!
Wah!
MOI HATES TOI!
Aww! ♡
TO THINK THAT CHLOE COULD BE THIS CUTE...
REALLY, I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S MY OTHER SELF!
Ah ha ha ha!
OH, RIGHT.
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE GOTTA TALK ABOUT.
TURN
I HEARD THAT SPIRITUAL POWER IS SOMETHING YOU CAN CATCH...
WHEN NEAR OTHER PEOPLE WITH HIGH SPIRITUAL POWER.

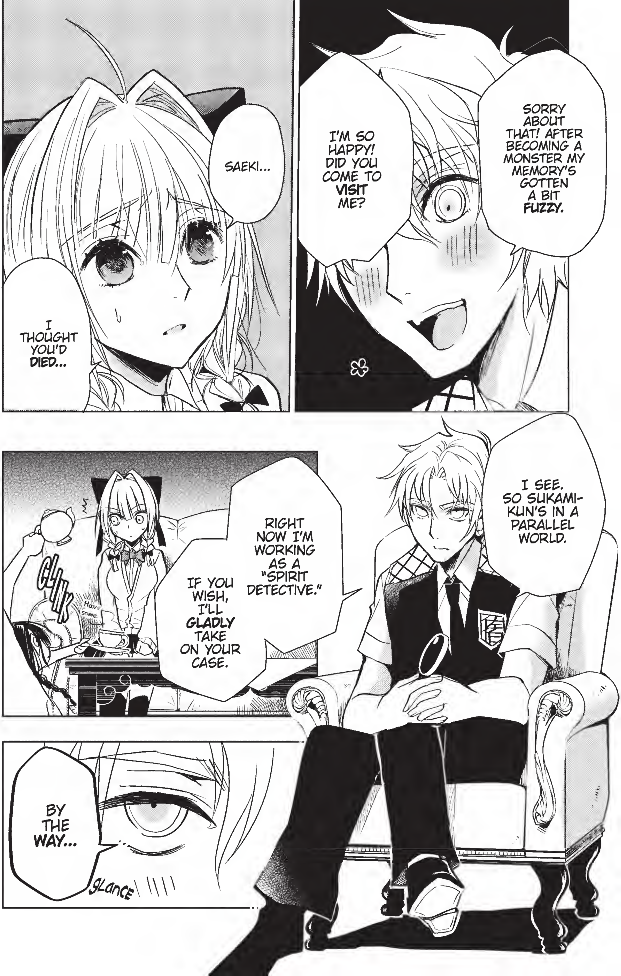

YOUR STRONG SPIRITUAL POWER APPEARED BECAUSE YOU WERE BY KYOUICHI'S SIDE.
NOW THAT KYOUICHI HAS VANISHED, YOUR SPIRITUAL POWER IS WEAKENING.
YOU CAN ONLY SUPPORT US FOR THREE DAYS AT BEST.
WITHIN THOSE THREE DAYS...
WE MUST FIND KYOUICHI.

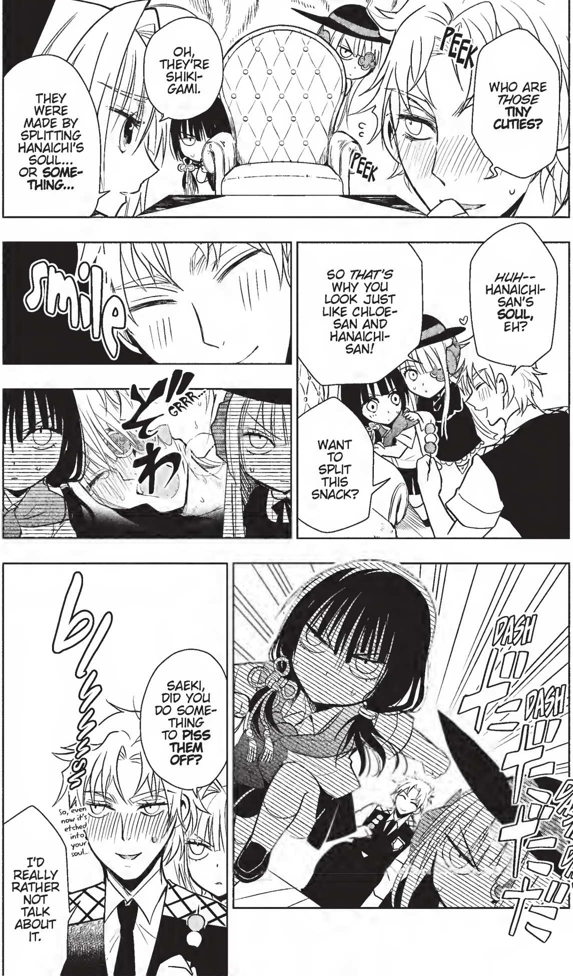

WAIT A MINUTE.
IT'S *ALREADY* THE THIRD DAY!
ALL YOU'VE DONE IS PLAY! DO YOU EVEN *WANT* TO SEARCH?!
HEY, SINCE WE'RE ALIVE AGAIN...
WE'RE GONNA HAVE **FUN**!
Ah ha ha!
YOU PLAY WITH US **TOO**, MAYUMI-CHAN!
Kisaragi
Yomi
I'M **FINE**, THANKS.
I'VE BEEN HAVING NIGHTMARES LATELY, SO SEARCHING HAS REALLY TIRED ME OUT.
Argh! Kids sure have it easy.
Thank you!
HEY, DON'T TAKE CANDY FROM STRANGERS!
MA-YUMI-CHAN...
I HEARD A USEFUL TIP FROM A MONSTER.

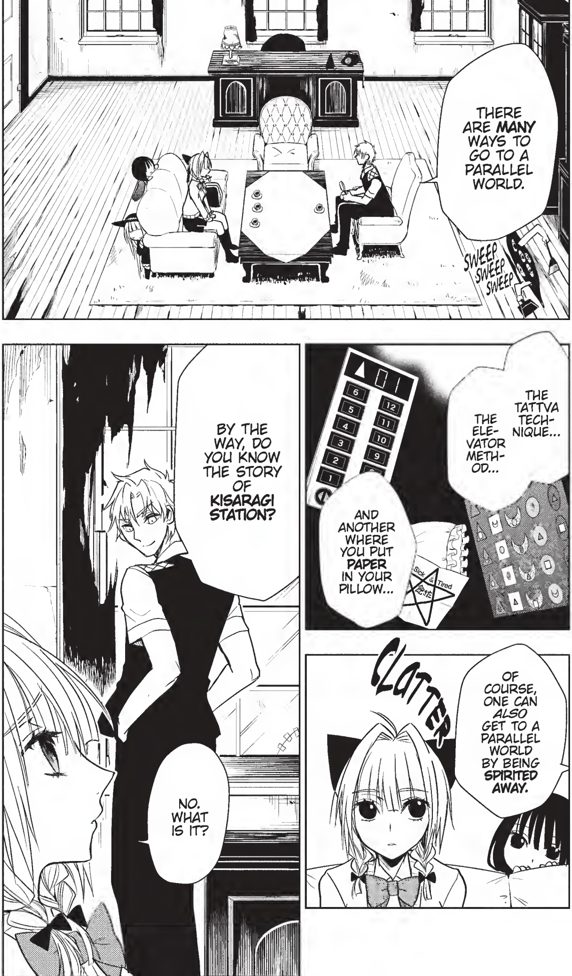

APPARENTLY, INSIDE THIS BUILDING...
THERE'S A MONSTER THAT'S VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT OTHER MONSTERS.
AND THOUGH THIS MONSTER ONLY JUST RECENTLY APPEARED...
THEY'VE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE VERY CLEVER. THEY'RE ALREADY FAMOUS IN THE SUPERNATURAL WORLD.
IT COULD BE THAT THEY...
MIGHT KNOW A WAY TO GO TO THE PARALLEL WORLD.
JUST IN CASE, I'VE PLACED A SPELL ON YOU SO THEY DON'T KNOW YOU'RE HUMAN.
DON'T SAY A SINGLE WORD!
CREAK...

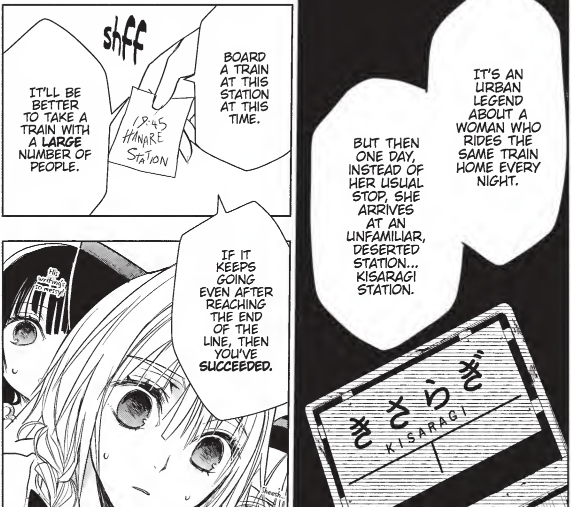

chatter
chatter
gab
gab
DOESN'T IT HURT TO HAVE A SLIT MOUTH?
Umm...
Uhh...
WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT PHONE CHARGES?
I'm Mary-san!
Squee! Squee!
JUST WHO IS THIS SOCIAL BUTTERFLY ANYWAY?
I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE...
Sukami
SAEKI!
?!
!!

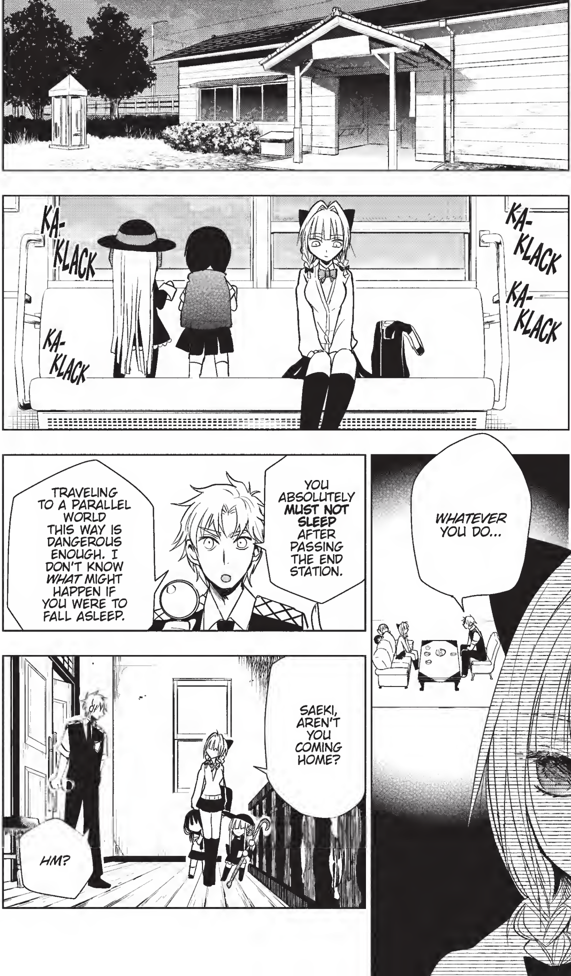

A HUMAN ...
WHY IS THERE A HUMAN HERE?!
SHALL WE EAT HER?
!
MAYUMI-KUN!
YOU CAN'T EAT HER.
SHE'S MY FRIEND.
TMP
TMP

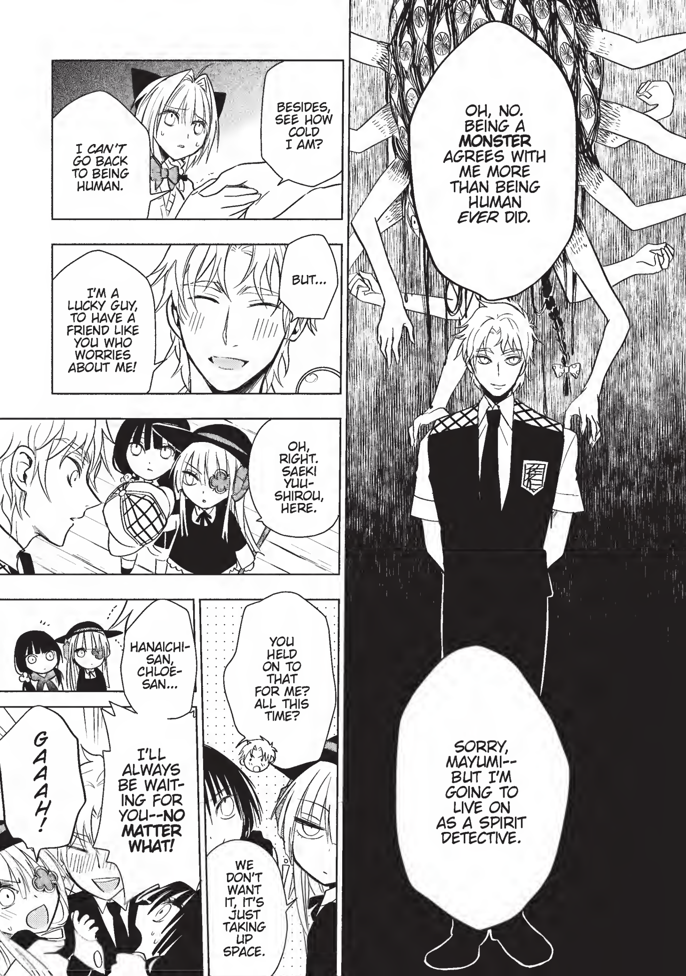

SORRY ABOUT THAT! AFTER BECOMING A MONSTER MY MEMORY'S GOTTEN A BIT **FUZZY.**
I'M SO HAPPY! DID YOU COME TO **VISIT** ME?
SAEKI...
I THOUGHT YOU'D **DIED...**
I SEE. SO SUKAMI-KUN'S IN A PARALLEL WORLD.
RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING AS A "SPIRIT DETECTIVE."
IF YOU WISH, I'LL **GLADLY** TAKE ON YOUR CASE.
CLINK
Have some
BY THE **WAY...**
GLANCE

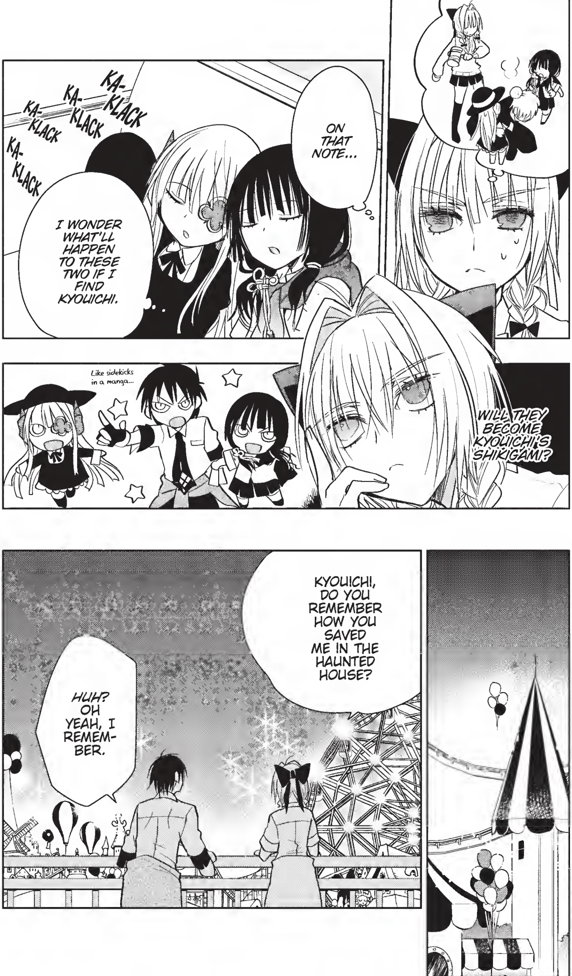

PEEK
WHO ARE *THOSE* **TINY CUTIES?**
PEEK
OH, THEY'RE SHIKIGAMI.
THEY WERE MADE BY SPLITTING HANAICHI'S SOUL... OR **SOMETHING...**
HUH--HANAICHI-SAN'S **SOUL,** EH?
SO *THAT'S* WHY YOU LOOK JUST LIKE CHLOE-SAN AND HANAICHI-SAN!
WANT TO SPLIT THIS SNACK?
smile
GRRR...
ぞわ
DASH
DASH
DASH
DASH
SAEKI, DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO **PISS THEM OFF?**
blush
So, even now it's etched into your soul...
I'D REALLY RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT.

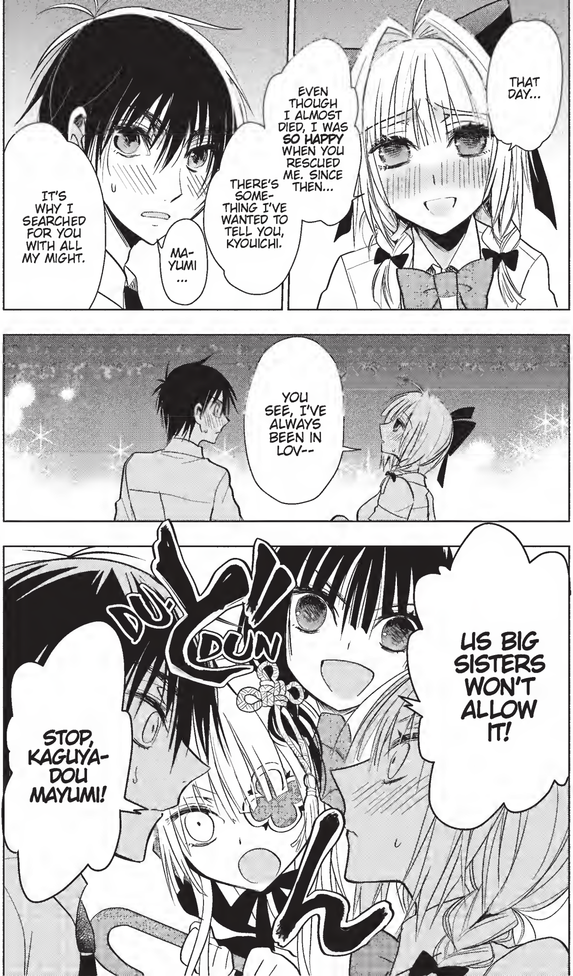

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO GO TO A PARALLEL WORLD.
SWEEP SWEEP SWEEP
THE TATTVA TECHNIQUE...
THE ELEVATOR METHOD...
AND ANOTHER WHERE YOU PUT PAPER IN YOUR PILLOW...
Sick & Tired
CLATTER
OF COURSE, ONE CAN ALSO GET TO A PARALLEL WORLD BY BEING SPIRITED AWAY.
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF KISARAGI STATION?
NO. WHAT IS IT?

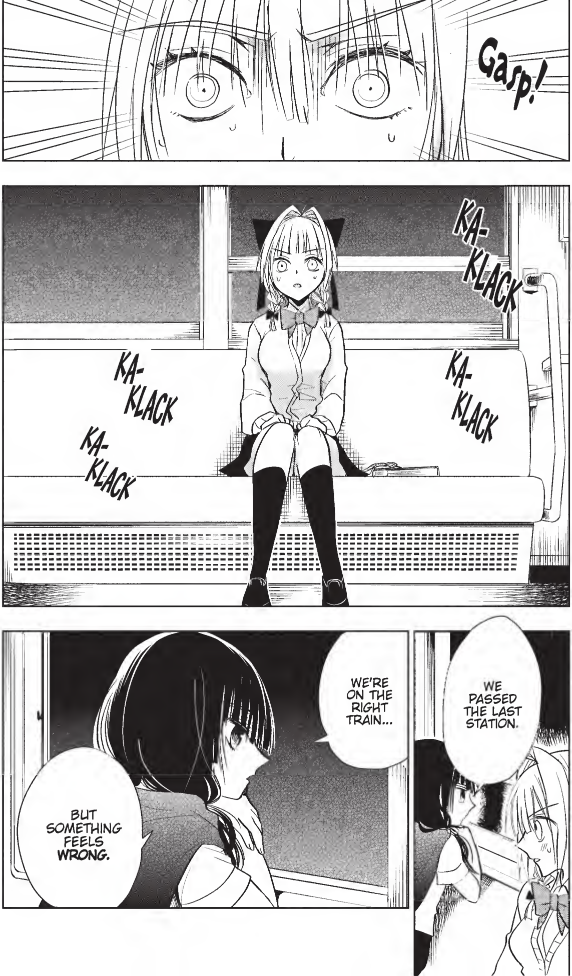

IT'S AN URBAN LEGEND ABOUT A WOMAN WHO RIDES THE SAME TRAIN HOME EVERY NIGHT.
BUT THEN ONE DAY, INSTEAD OF HER USUAL STOP, SHE ARRIVES AT AN UNFAMILIAR, DESERTED STATION... KISARAGI STATION.
きさらぎ
KISARAGI
SOMETIMES TRAINS LINK OUR WORLD TO PARALLEL WORLDS-- OR THE WORLD OF THE DEAD.
BOARD A TRAIN AT THIS STATION AT THIS TIME.
shff
19:45 HANARE STATION
IT'LL BE BETTER TO TAKE A TRAIN WITH A **LARGE** NUMBER OF PEOPLE.
IF IT KEEPS GOING EVEN AFTER REACHING THE END OF THE LINE, THEN YOU'VE **SUCCEEDED.**
His writing's so messy!
Sheesh...
OH, AND ALSO...
WHILE ON THE TRAIN, THERE'S ONE THING I WANT YOU TO BE CAREFUL OF.

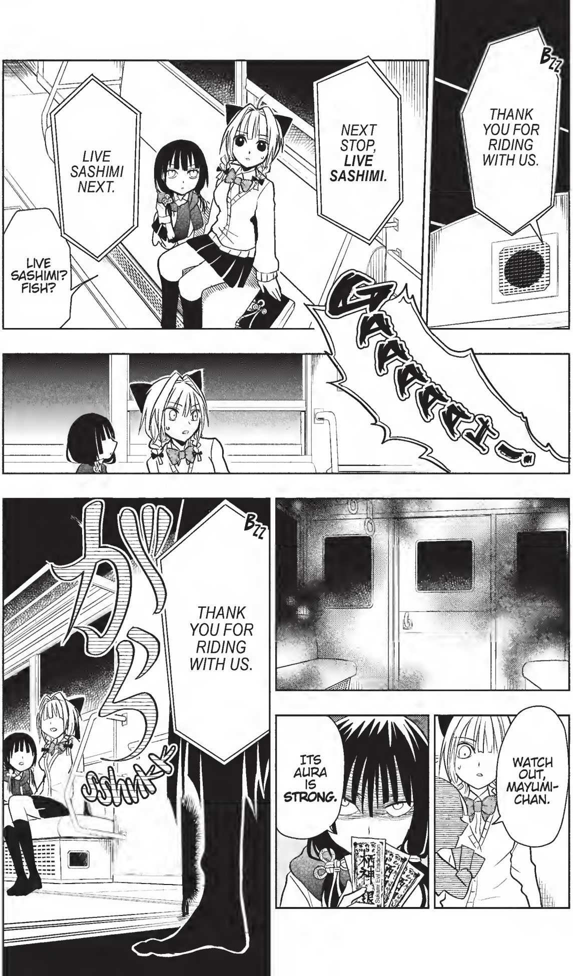

KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
WHATEVER YOU DO...
YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT SLEEP AFTER PASSING THE END STATION.
TRAVELING TO A PARALLEL WORLD THIS WAY IS DANGEROUS ENOUGH. I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF YOU WERE TO FALL ASLEEP.
SAEKI, AREN'T YOU COMING HOME?
HM?

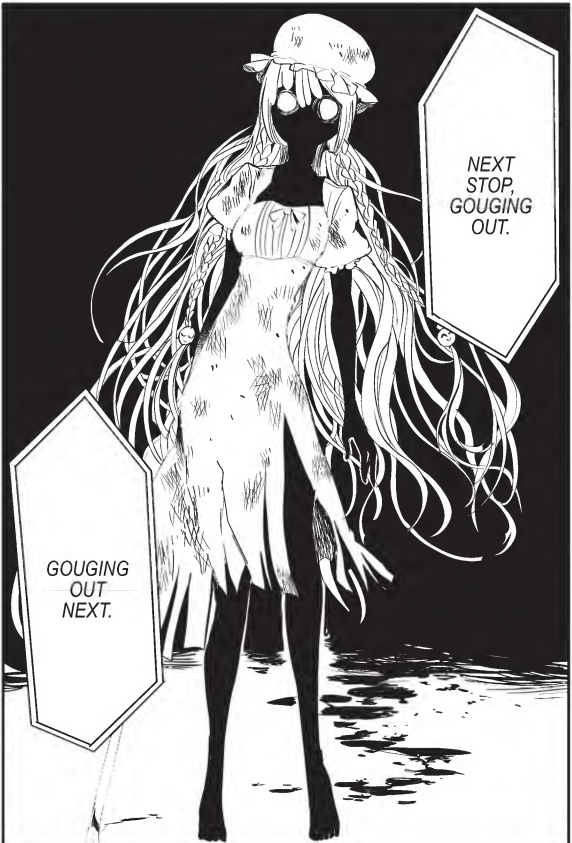

OH, NO. BEING A MONSTER AGREES WITH ME MORE THAN BEING HUMAN EVER DID.
SORRY, MAYUMI-- BUT I'M GOING TO LIVE ON AS A SPIRIT DETECTIVE.
BESIDES, SEE HOW COLD I AM?
I CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING HUMAN.
BUT...
I'M A LUCKY GUY, TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU WHO WORRIES ABOUT ME!
OH, RIGHT. SAEKI YUUSHIROU, HERE.
HANAICHI-SAN, CHLOE-SAN...
YOU HELD ON TO THAT FOR ME? ALL THIS TIME?
WE DON'T WANT IT, IT'S JUST TAKING UP SPACE.
I'LL ALWAYS BE WAITING FOR YOU--NO MATTER WHAT!
GAAAH!

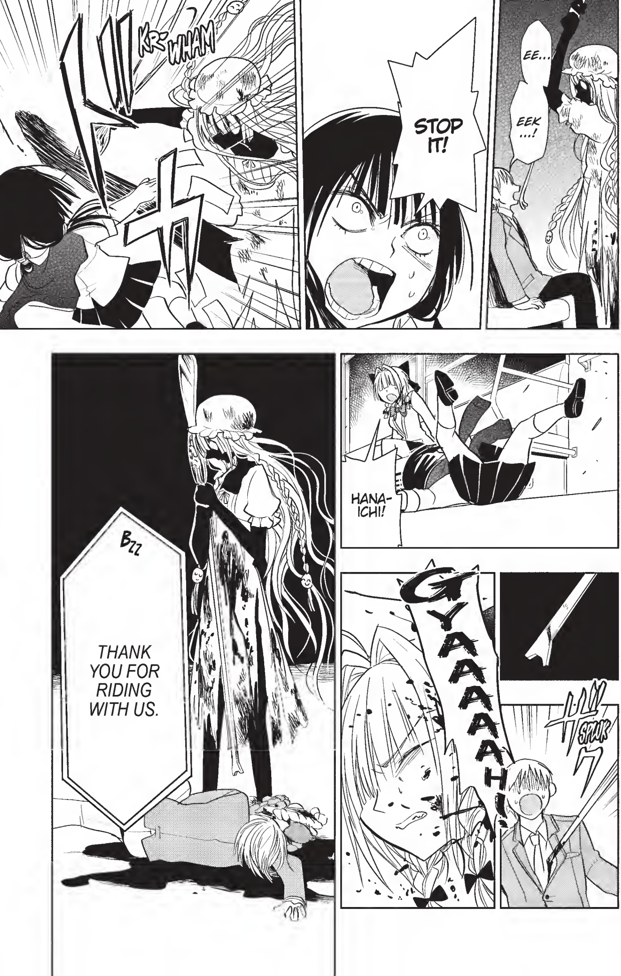

ON THAT NOTE...
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
I WONDER WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO THESE TWO IF I FIND KYOUICHI.
WILL THEY BECOME KYOUICHI'S SHIKIGAMI?
Like sidekicks in a manga...
KYOUICHI, DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU SAVED ME IN THE HAUNTED HOUSE?
HUH? OH YEAH, I REMEMBER.

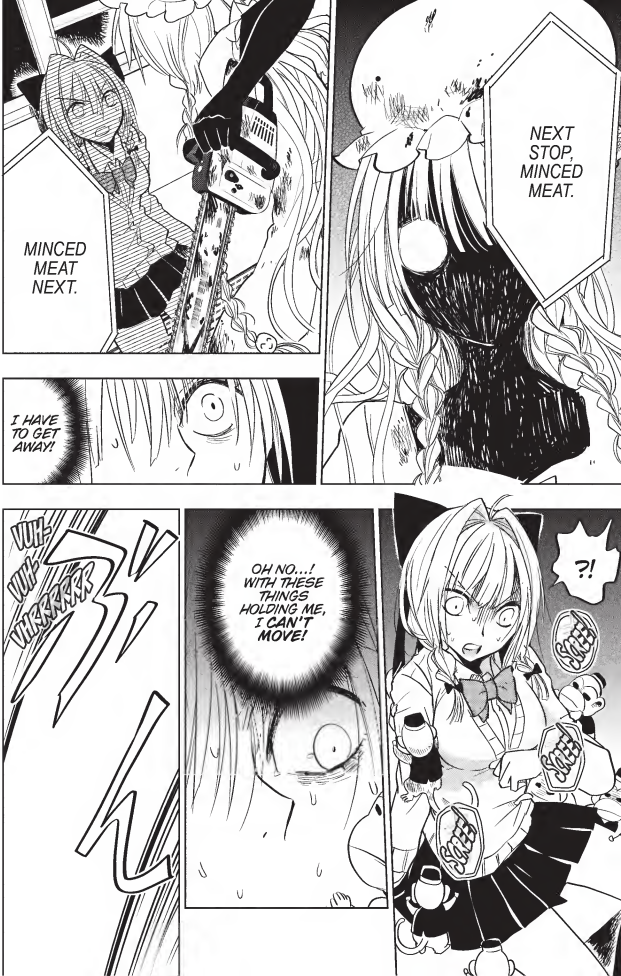

THAT DAY...
EVEN THOUGH I ALMOST DIED, I WAS **SO HAPPY** WHEN YOU RESCUED ME. SINCE THEN...
THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU, KYOUICHI.
MAYUMI...
IT'S WHY I SEARCHED FOR YOU WITH ALL MY MIGHT.
YOU SEE, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LOV--
DU.
DUN
US BIG SISTERS WON'T ALLOW IT!
STOP, KAGUYA-DOU MAYUMI!

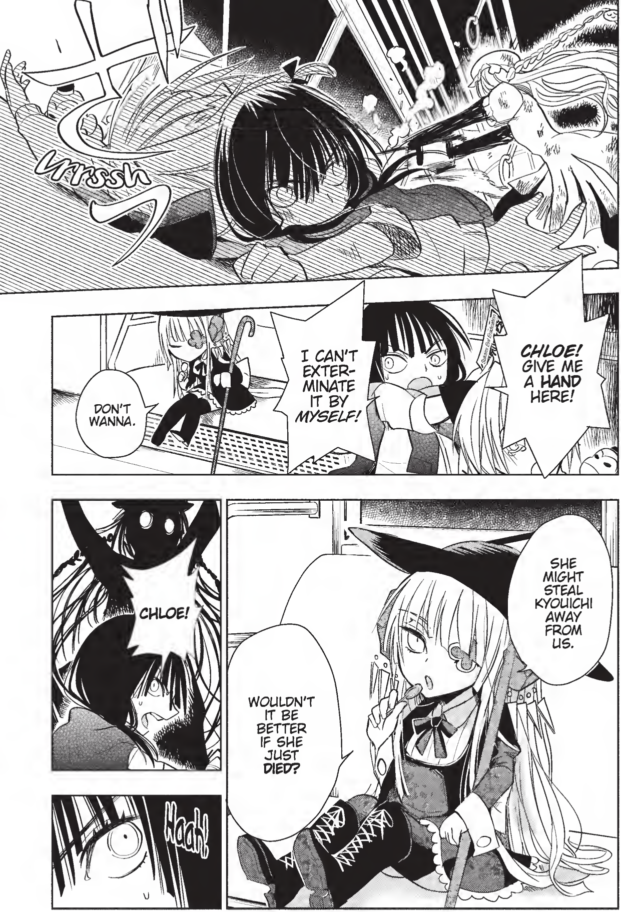

Gasp!
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
KA-KLACK
WE PASSED THE LAST STATION.
WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIN...
BUT SOMETHING FEELS WRONG.

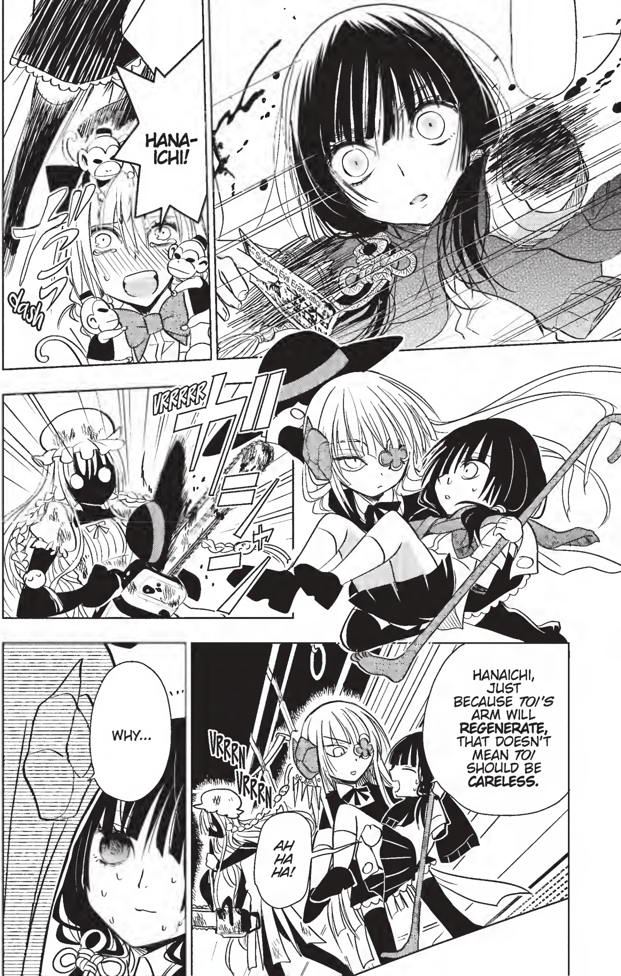

BZZ
THANK YOU FOR RIDING WITH US.
NEXT STOP, **LIVE SASHIMI.**
LIVE SASHIMI NEXT.
LIVE SASHIMI? FISH?
GAAAAAAI—!
BZZ
THANK YOU FOR RIDING WITH US.
sshink
WATCH OUT, MAYUMI-CHAN.
ITS AURA IS **STRONG.**
Sukami Evil Eradication

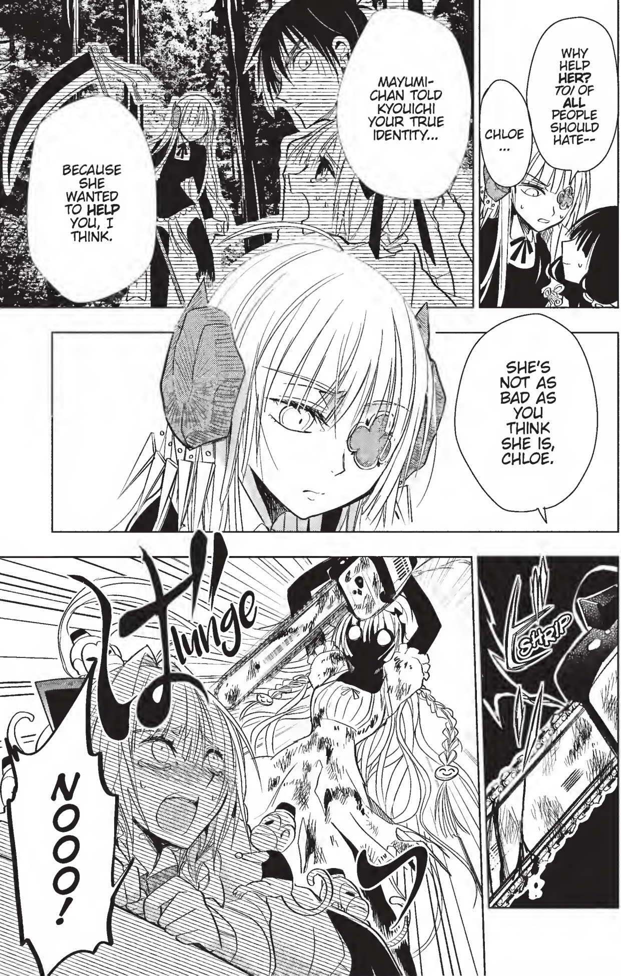

NEXT STOP, GOUGING OUT.
GOUGING OUT NEXT.

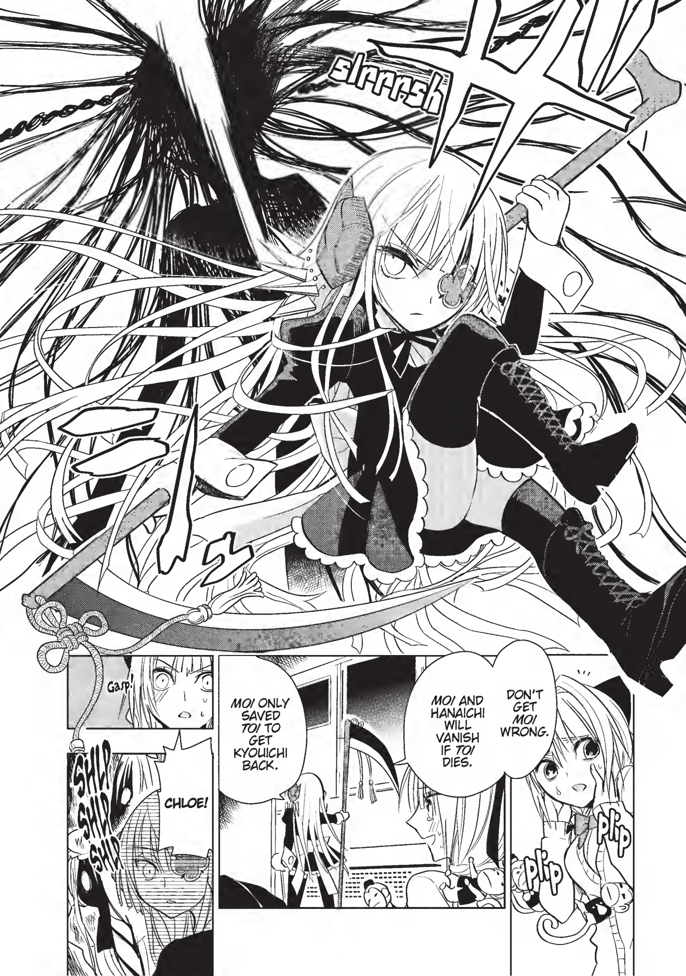

EE...
EEK ...!
STOP IT!
KR-WHAM
HANA-ICHI!
GYAAAAAH!
SPLUK
Bzz
THANK YOU FOR RIDING WITH US.

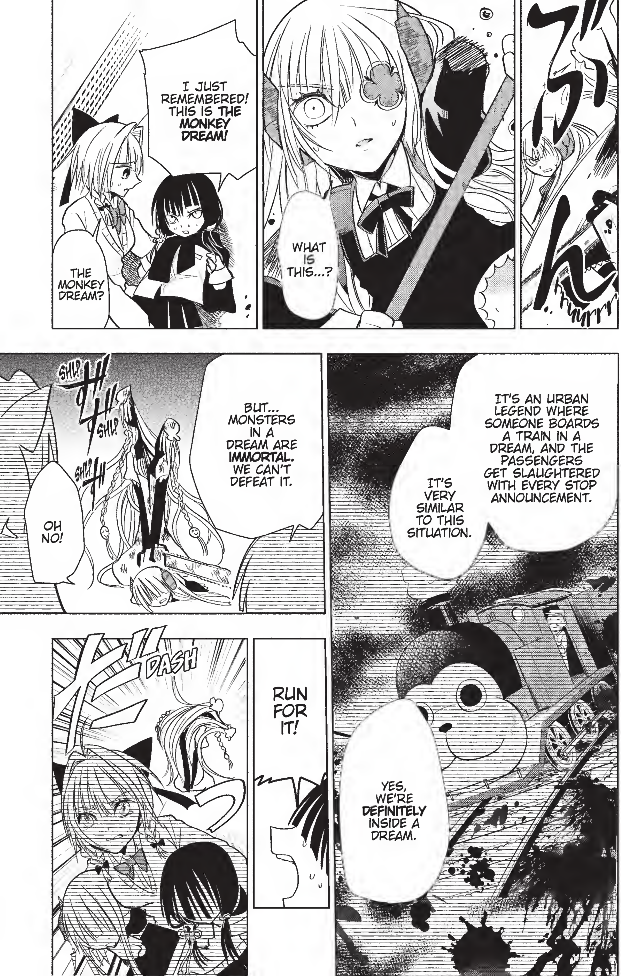

NEXT STOP, MINCED MEAT.
MINCED MEAT NEXT.
I HAVE TO GET AWAY!
?!
SCREE
SCREE
SCREE
OH NO...! WITH THESE THINGS HOLDING ME, I CAN'T MOVE!
VUH-VUH-VHRRRRRR

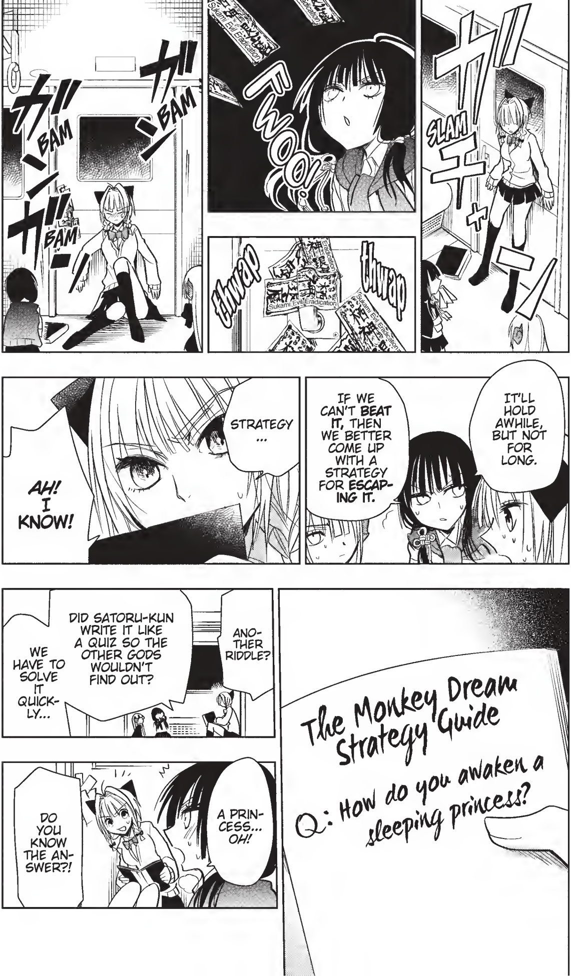

Vrrssh
CHLOE! GIVE ME A HAND HERE!
I CAN'T EXTERMINATE IT BY MYSELF!
DON'T WANNA.
SHE MIGHT STEAL KYOUICHI AWAY FROM US.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF SHE JUST DIED?
CHLOE!
Haah!


Sukami Evil Eradicatio
HANA-ICHI!
dash
VRRRRR
HANAICHI, JUST BECAUSE *TOI'S* ARM WILL **REGENERATE,** THAT DOESN'T MEAN *TOI* SHOULD BE **CARELESS.**
VRRRN
VRRRN
AH HA HA!
...
WHY...


WHY HELP **HER?** *YOU* OF **ALL** PEOPLE SHOULD HATE--
CHLOE ...
MAYUMI-CHAN TOLD KYOUICHI YOUR TRUE IDENTITY...
BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO **HELP** YOU, I THINK.
SHE'S NOT AS BAD AS YOU THINK SHE IS, CHLOE.
SHRIP
ばっ
Lunge
NOOO!


slrrrsh
DON'T GET *MOI* WRONG.
plip
plip
MOI AND HANAICHI WILL VANISH IF *TOI* DIES.
MOI ONLY SAVED *TOI* TO GET KYOUICHI BACK.
Gasp!
CHLOE!
SHLP SHLP SHLP


ゔぃん
hyurrr
WHAT IS THIS...?
I JUST REMEMBERED! THIS IS **THE MONKEY DREAM!**
THE MONKEY DREAM?
IT'S AN URBAN LEGEND WHERE SOMEONE BOARDS A TRAIN IN A DREAM, AND THE PASSENGERS GET SLAUGHTERED WITH EVERY STOP ANNOUNCEMENT.
IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO THIS SITUATION.
YES, WE'RE **DEFINITELY** INSIDE A DREAM.
BUT... MONSTERS IN A DREAM ARE **IMMORTAL.** WE CAN'T DEFEAT IT.
SHLP
SHLP
SHLP
OH NO!
RUN FOR IT!
DASH


SLAM
ガチャン
Sukami Evil Eradication
FWOO!
thwap
thwap
Sukami Evil Eradication
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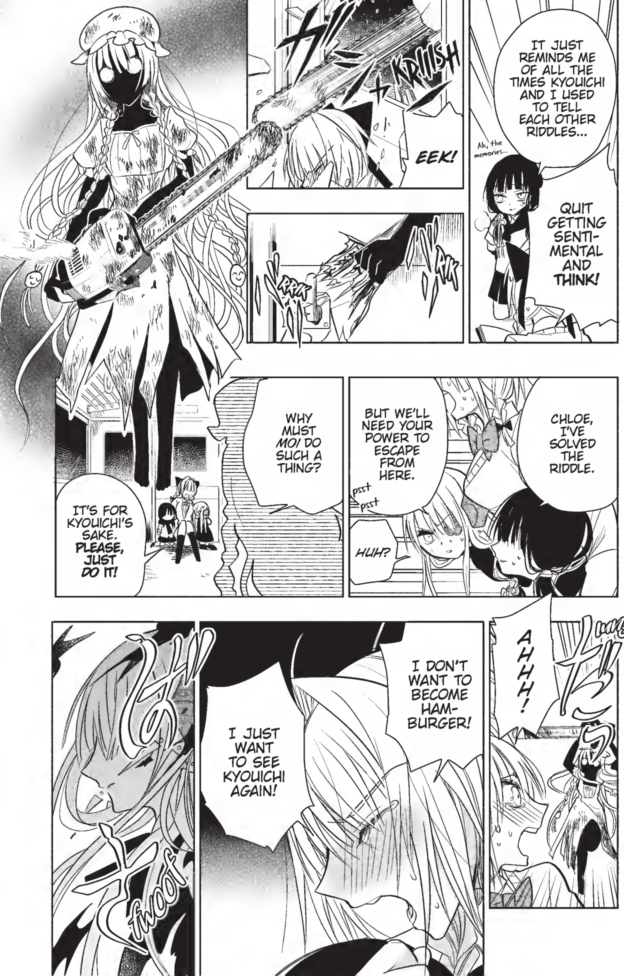
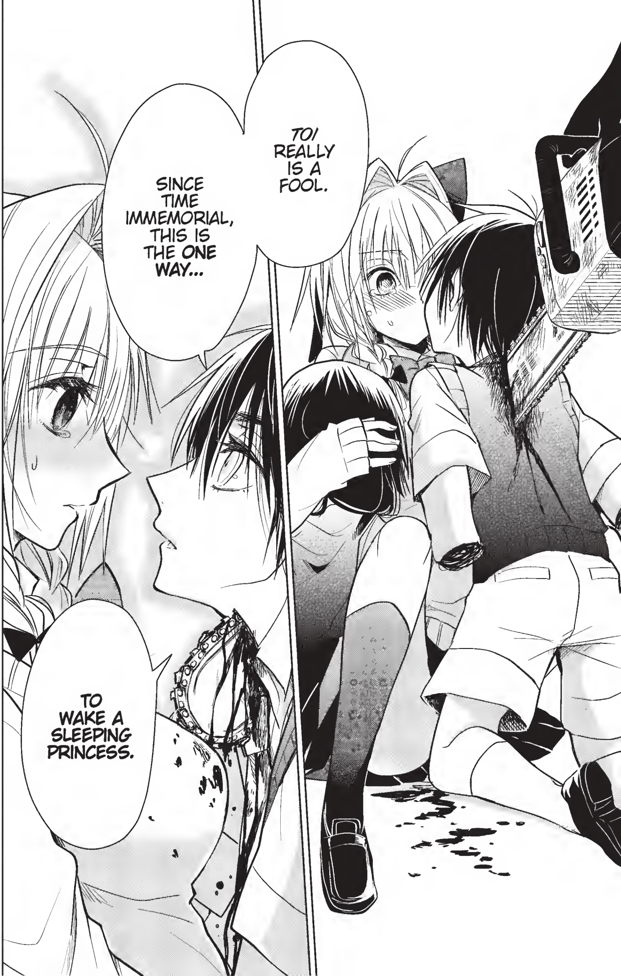
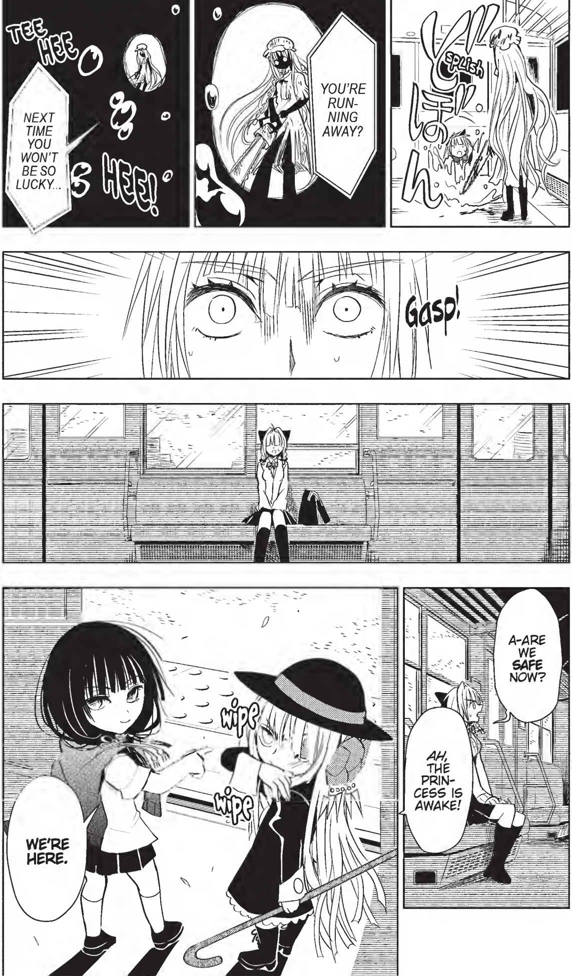
Sukami Evil Eradication
ガン
BAM
ガン
BAM
ガン
BAM
IT'LL HOLD AWHILE, BUT NOT FOR LONG.
IF WE CAN'T BEAT IT, THEN WE BETTER COME UP WITH A STRATEGY FOR ESCAPING IT.
STRATEGY ...
AH! I KNOW!
The Monkey Dream Strategy Guide
Q: How do you awaken a sleeping princess?
ANOTHER RIDDLE?
DID SATORU-KUN WRITE IT LIKE A QUIZ SO THE OTHER GODS WOULDN'T FIND OUT?
WE HAVE TO SOLVE IT QUICKLY...
A PRINCESS... OH!
DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?!


IT JUST REMINDS ME OF ALL THE TIMES KYOUICHI AND I USED TO TELL EACH OTHER RIDDLES...
Ah, the memories...
QUIT GETTING SENTIMENTAL AND THINK!
KRIISH
EEK!
RRK
RRRK
CHLOE, I'VE SOLVED THE RIDDLE.
psst psst
HUH?
BUT WE'LL NEED YOUR POWER TO ESCAPE FROM HERE.
WHY MUST MOI DO SUCH A THING?
IT'S FOR KYOUICHI'S SAKE. PLEASE, JUST DO IT!
lunge
AHHH!
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME HAMBURGER!
I JUST WANT TO SEE KYOUICHI AGAIN!
fwoof


TOI REALLY IS A FOOL.
SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL, THIS IS THE ONE WAY...
TO WAKE A SLEEPING PRINCESS.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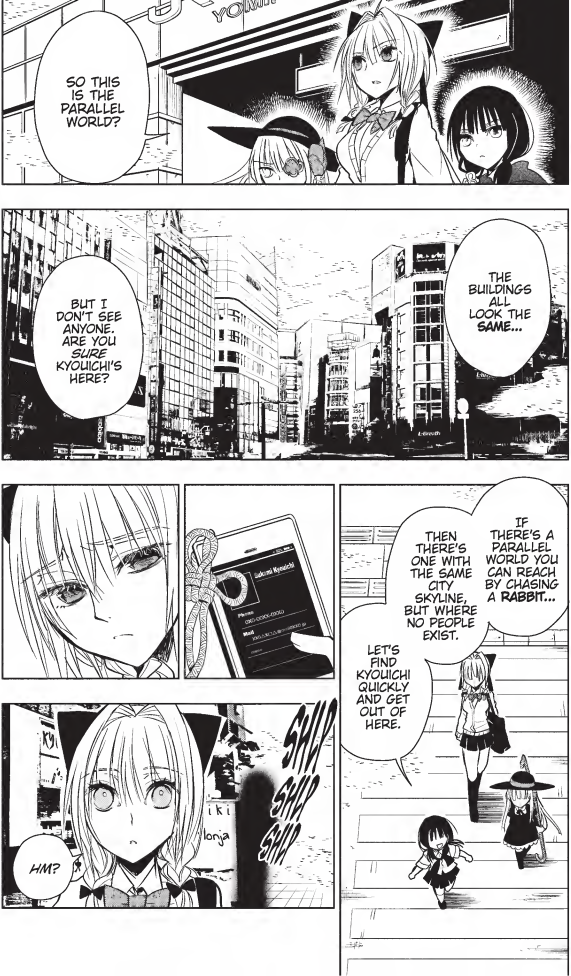
SPLISH
YOU'RE RUN-NING AWAY?
TEE HEE
NEXT TIME YOU WON'T BE SO LUCKY...
HEE!
Gasp!
A-ARE WE SAFE NOW?
AH, THE PRIN-CESS IS AWAKE!
wipe
wipe
WE'RE HERE.


YOMI
SO THIS IS THE PARALLEL WORLD?
THE BUILDINGS ALL LOOK THE **SAME...**
BUT I DON'T SEE ANYONE. ARE YOU *SURE* KYOUICHI'S HERE?
L-Breath
adidas
IF THERE'S A PARALLEL WORLD YOU CAN REACH BY CHASING A **RABBIT...**
THEN THERE'S ONE WITH THE SAME CITY SKYLINE, BUT WHERE NO PEOPLE EXIST.
LET'S FIND KYOUICHI QUICKLY AND GET OUT OF HERE.
Sukami Kyouichi
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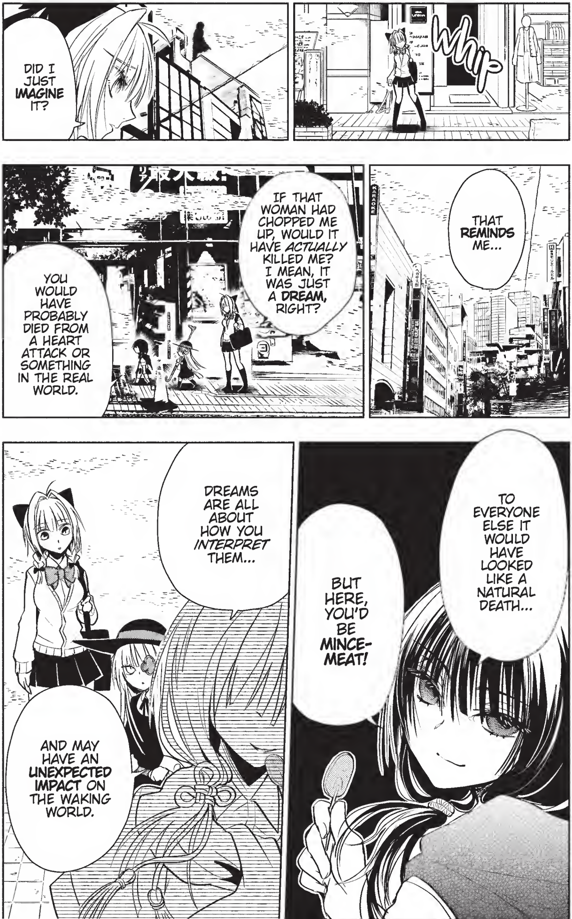
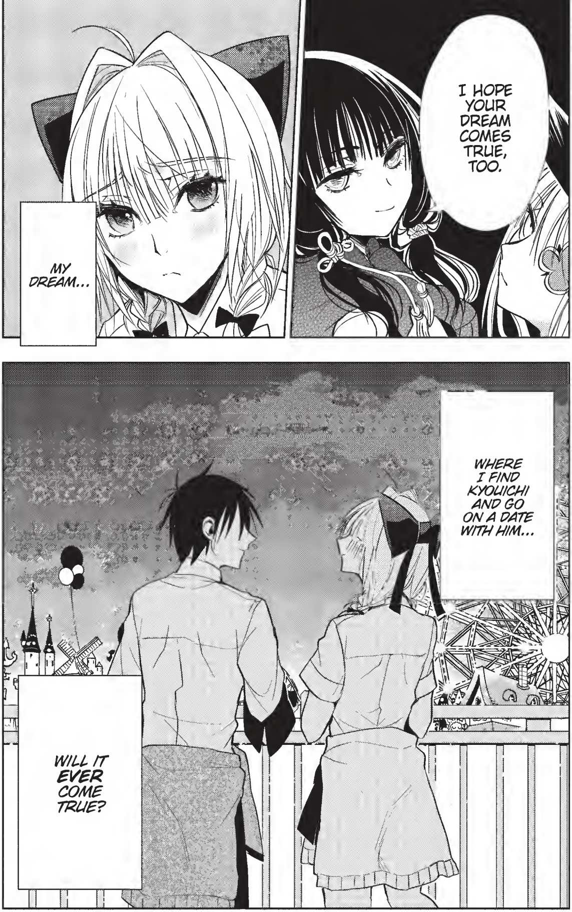
memo
SHLP SHLP SHLP
HM?


Whip
DID I JUST IMAGINE IT?
KARAOKE
THAT REMINDS ME...
IF THAT WOMAN HAD CHOPPED ME UP, WOULD IT HAVE ACTUALLY KILLED ME? I MEAN, IT WAS JUST A DREAM, RIGHT?
YOU WOULD HAVE PROBABLY DIED FROM A HEART ATTACK OR SOMETHING IN THE REAL WORLD.
TO EVERYONE ELSE IT WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE A NATURAL DEATH...
BUT HERE, YOU'D BE MINCE-MEAT!
DREAMS ARE ALL ABOUT HOW YOU INTERPRET THEM...
AND MAY HAVE AN UNEXPECTED IMPACT ON THE WAKING WORLD.


I HOPE YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE, TOO.
MY DREAM...
WHERE I FIND KYOUICHI AND GO ON A DATE WITH HIM...
WILL IT *EVER* COME TRUE?

Commentary on the Work

10th Page ◆ { The Wiggler }

You can use the title pages as a board game! Drawing it was tough *(ha ha!)*

"The Wiggler" is a ghost story that originated online. The story is that people who see it go insane and become a "wiggler" themselves. For a while after hearing that story, I had a phobia of the countryside *(ha!)*. Even if that's not a true tale, the mountains and the countryside have many interesting and scary ghost stories.

I think it's a neat trick using a mirror to defeat the wiggler; it really is "fighting fire with fire"! For the Sukami estate, I was inspired by Mount Kurama in Kyoto where it's said that supernatural creatures called *tengu* appear. It's a beautiful place to reconnect with nature.

It's great to look for ghost stories online, but it's also nice to go to visit places connected with the supernatural.

11th Page ◆ { The Spirit Detective }

This is Chloe and Yuushirou's chapter.

The first case that Yuushirou solved using occult wisdom was one that involved the woman he loved, which I think was nice and emotional. It's sexy, painful, and lonely, and I personally had fun drawing it.

By the way, the Crevice was modeled on the urban legend "Crevice People." Apparently they appear to lonely people and bring them into their circle in order to fill the crevices in their hearts. If you get lonely, maybe try peeking into a crevice?

12th Page ◆ { Sukami Hanaichi }

This is the chapter where Kyouichi reunites with Hanaichi.

After anguishing a long time over the question "How should one exterminate a reaper?" I settled on the idea that a *yorishiro* had been put into Hanaichi's body to hold the reaper spirit.

13th Page ◆ { The Monkey Dream }

This is the start of the "Mayumi Arc."

Thinking back on it now, I wondered if it might have been too much--
but I also wanted to include urban legends about parallel worlds and dreams, so I went ahead and drew it. This is also a ghost story with online horror origins.

There are quite a few other ghost stories that involve dreams, and I think "This Man" and "Don't Look in a Mirror During a Lucid Dream" are pretty interesting. "The Monkey Dream" may be a ghost story close to the latter.

Final Page ◆ { The Phantom Ramen Seller }

When I said, "At the end of *Ghost Diary,* they'll eat ramen," someone said to me, "What is this, *Black Jack?!"*

I thought it would be interesting if a fake Kyouichi appeared as the Phantom Ramen Seller. It was an idea I'd thought of using from the start, and I was finally able to use it in this chapter.

And now, with this chapter, I get the feeling the theme I wanted to draw in *Ghost Diary* has finally come into view.

The series ended in a way that was slightly different from what I'd thought of at the very start, but I think I managed to end it well, with everyone smiling.

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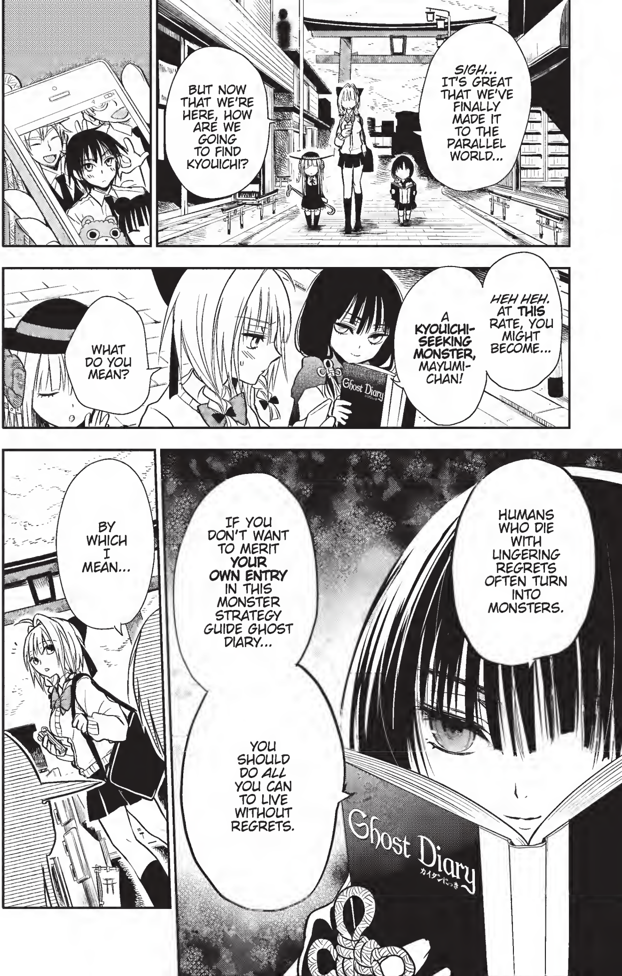
SIGH... IT'S GREAT THAT WE'VE FINALLY MADE IT TO THE PARALLEL WORLD...
BUT NOW THAT WE'RE HERE, HOW ARE WE GOING TO FIND KYOUICHI?
HEH HEH. AT **THIS** RATE, YOU MIGHT BECOME...
A **KYOUICHI-SEEKING MONSTER**, MAYUMI-CHAN!
Ghost Diary
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
BY WHICH I MEAN...
HUMANS WHO DIE WITH LINGERING REGRETS OFTEN TURN INTO MONSTERS.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO MERIT **YOUR OWN ENTRY** IN THIS MONSTER STRATEGY GUIDE GHOST DIARY...
YOU SHOULD DO *ALL* YOU CAN TO LIVE WITHOUT REGRETS.
Ghost Diary
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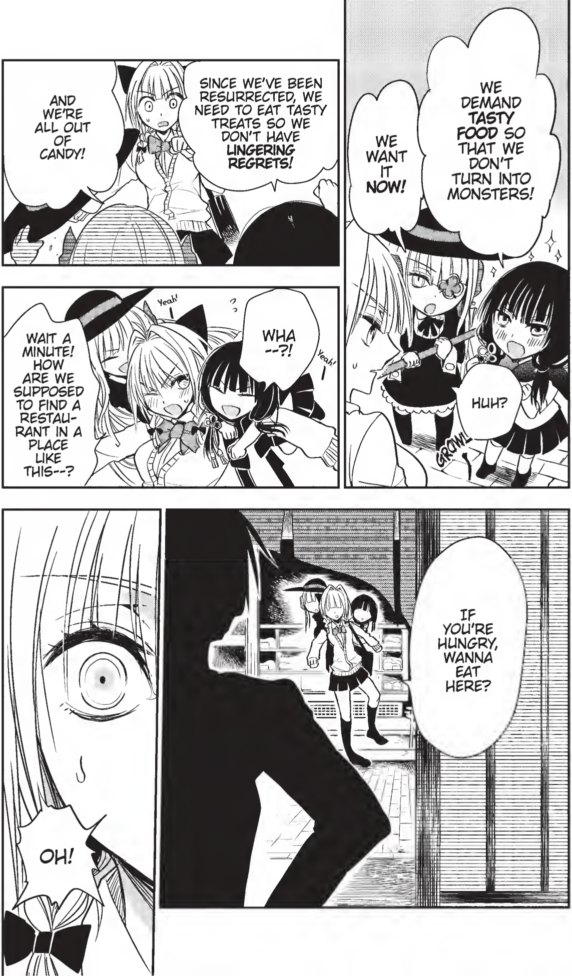
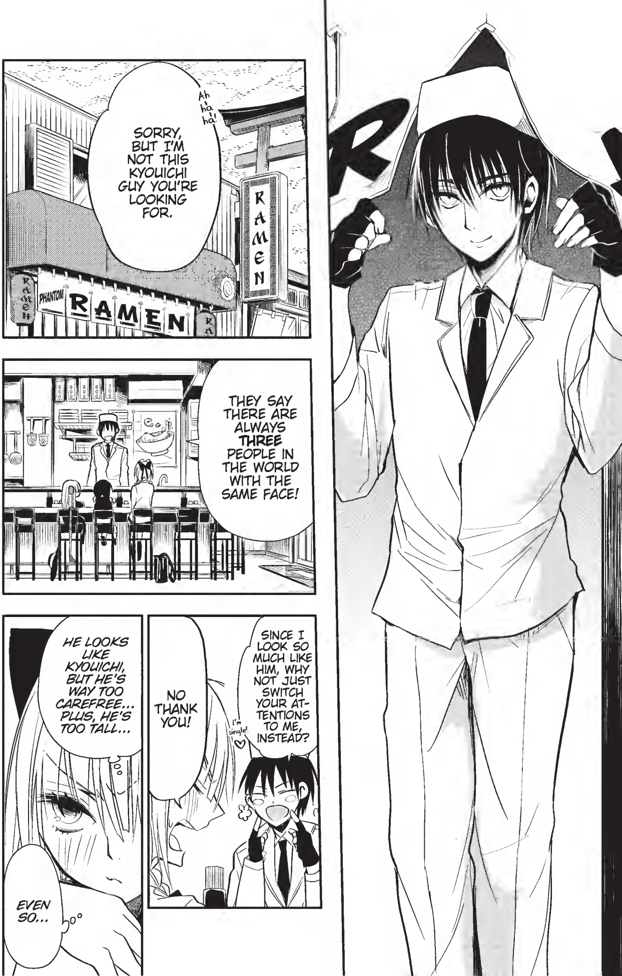

WE DEMAND **TASTY FOOD** SO THAT WE DON'T TURN INTO MONSTERS!
WE WANT IT **NOW!**
HUH?
GROWL
SINCE WE'VE BEEN RESURRECTED, WE NEED TO EAT TASTY TREATS SO WE DON'T HAVE **LINGERING REGRETS!**
AND WE'RE ALL OUT OF CANDY!
Yeah!
Yeah!
WHA--?!
WAIT A MINUTE! HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FIND A RESTAURANT IN A PLACE LIKE THIS--?
IF YOU'RE HUNGRY, WANNA EAT HERE?
OH!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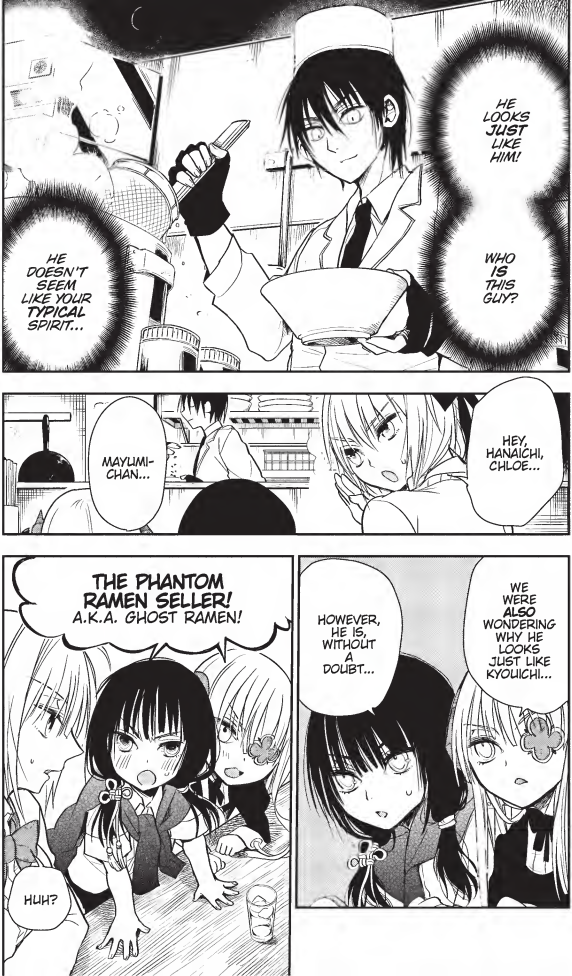
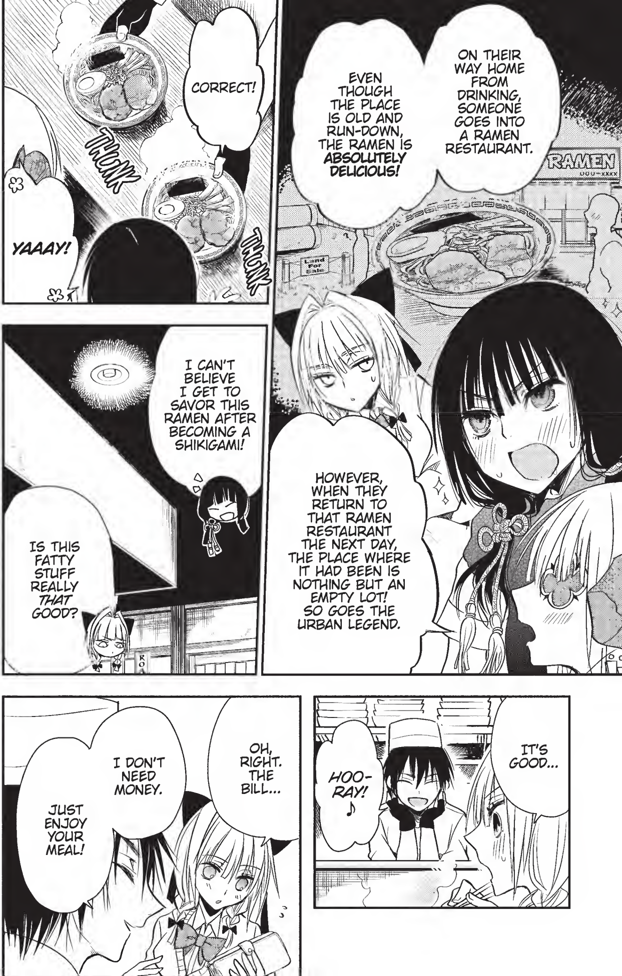
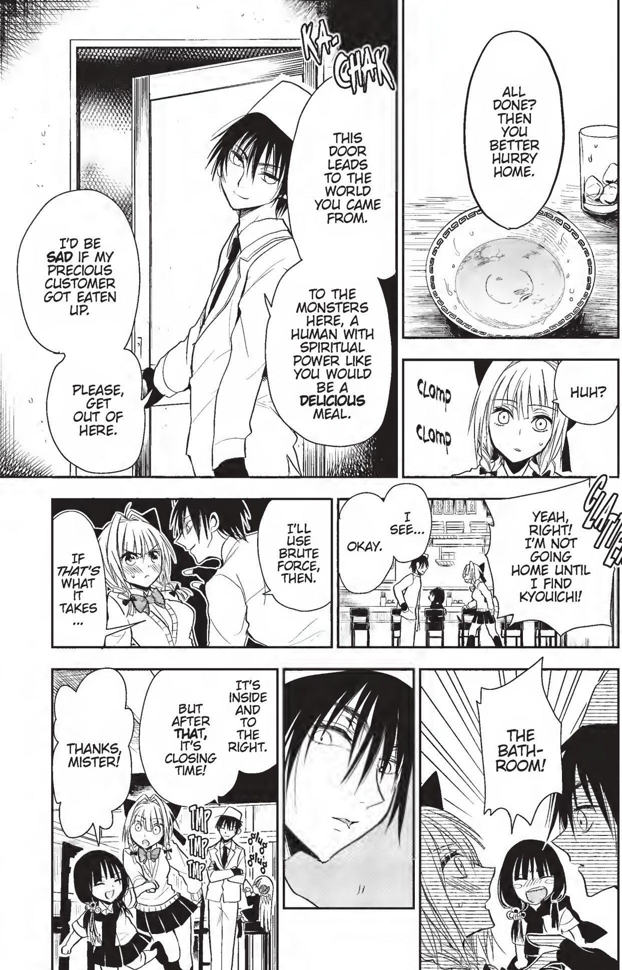
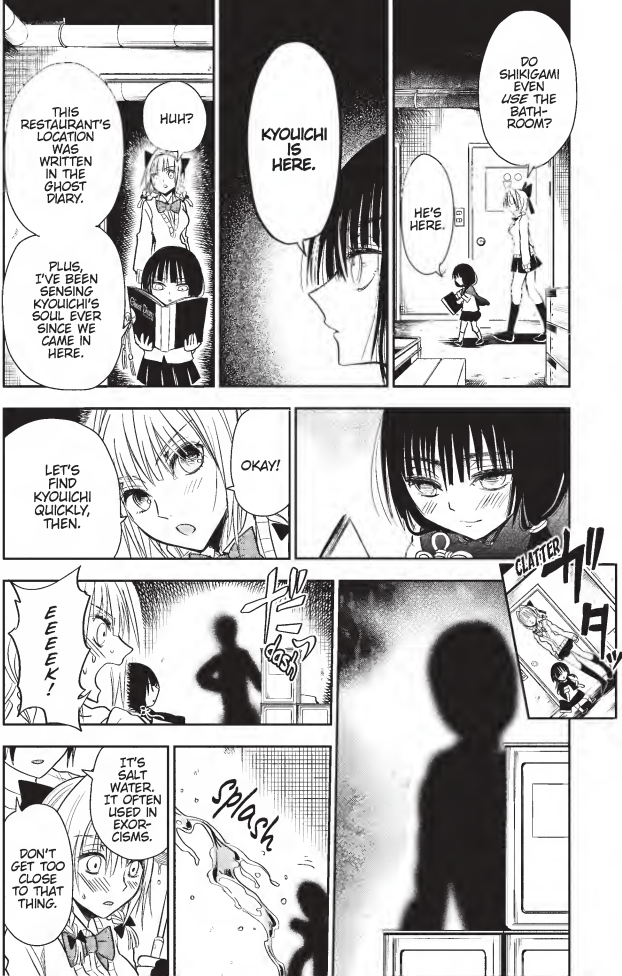
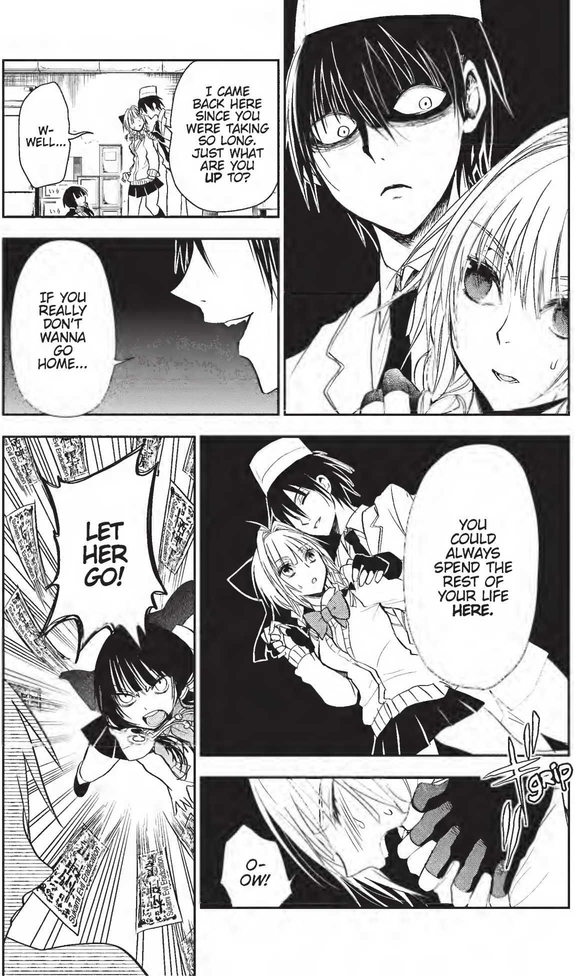
Ah ha ha!
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT THIS KYOUICHI GUY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR.
RAMEN
PHANTOM RAMEN
RAMEN
THEY SAY THERE ARE ALWAYS **THREE** PEOPLE IN THE WORLD WITH THE SAME FACE!
SINCE I LOOK SO MUCH LIKE HIM, WHY NOT JUST SWITCH YOUR ATTENTIONS TO ME, INSTEAD?
I'm single! ♥
NO THANK YOU!
HE LOOKS LIKE KYOUICHI, BUT HE'S WAY TOO CAREFREE... PLUS, HE'S TOO TALL...
EVEN SO...


HE LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM!
WHO IS THIS GUY?
HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR TYPICAL SPIRIT...
HEY, HANAICHI, CHLOE...
MAYUMI-CHAN...
WE WERE ALSO WONDERING WHY HE LOOKS JUST LIKE KYOUICHI...
HOWEVER, HE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT...
THE PHANTOM RAMEN SELLER! A.K.A. GHOST RAMEN!
HUH?


ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM DRINKING, SOMEONE GOES INTO A RAMEN RESTAURANT.
EVEN THOUGH THE PLACE IS OLD AND RUN-DOWN, THE RAMEN IS **ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS!**
RAMEN
Land For Sale
HOWEVER, WHEN THEY RETURN TO THAT RAMEN RESTAURANT THE NEXT DAY, THE PLACE WHERE IT HAD BEEN IS NOTHING BUT AN EMPTY LOT! SO GOES THE URBAN LEGEND.
CORRECT!
THUNK
THUNK
YAAAY!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO SAVOR THIS RAMEN AFTER BECOMING A SHIKIGAMI!
IS THIS FATTY STUFF REALLY *THAT* GOOD?
IT'S GOOD...
HOO-RAY! ♪
OH, RIGHT. THE BILL...
I DON'T NEED MONEY.
JUST ENJOY YOUR MEAL!


ALL DONE? THEN YOU BETTER HURRY HOME.
KA-CHAK
THIS DOOR LEADS TO THE WORLD YOU CAME FROM.
TO THE MONSTERS HERE, A HUMAN WITH SPIRITUAL POWER LIKE YOU WOULD BE A **DELICIOUS** MEAL.
I'D BE **SAD** IF MY PRECIOUS CUSTOMER GOT EATEN UP.
PLEASE, GET OUT OF HERE.
HUH?
CLOMP
CLOMP
CLATTER
YEAH, RIGHT! I'M NOT GOING HOME UNTIL I FIND KYOUICHI!
I SEE... OKAY.
I'LL USE BRUTE FORCE, THEN.
IF *THAT'S* WHAT IT TAKES...
THE BATHROOM!
IT'S INSIDE AND TO THE RIGHT.
BUT AFTER **THAT,** IT'S CLOSING TIME!
THANKS, MISTER!
TMP
TMP
TMP
glug glug


DO SHIKIGAMI EVEN USE THE BATHROOM?
HE'S HERE.
KYOUICHI IS HERE.
HUH?
THIS RESTAURANT'S LOCATION WAS WRITTEN IN THE GHOST DIARY.
PLUS, I'VE BEEN SENSING KYOUICHI'S SOUL EVER SINCE WE CAME IN HERE.
Ghost Diary
OKAY!
LET'S FIND KYOUICHI QUICKLY, THEN.
CLATTER
dash
EEEEK!
splash
IT'S SALT WATER. IT OFTEN USED IN EXORCISMS.
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THAT THING.


I CAME BACK HERE SINCE YOU WERE TAKING SO LONG. JUST WHAT ARE YOU **UP** TO?
W-WELL...
IF YOU REALLY DON'T WANNA GO HOME...
YOU COULD ALWAYS SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE **HERE.**
grip
O-OW!
LET HER GO!
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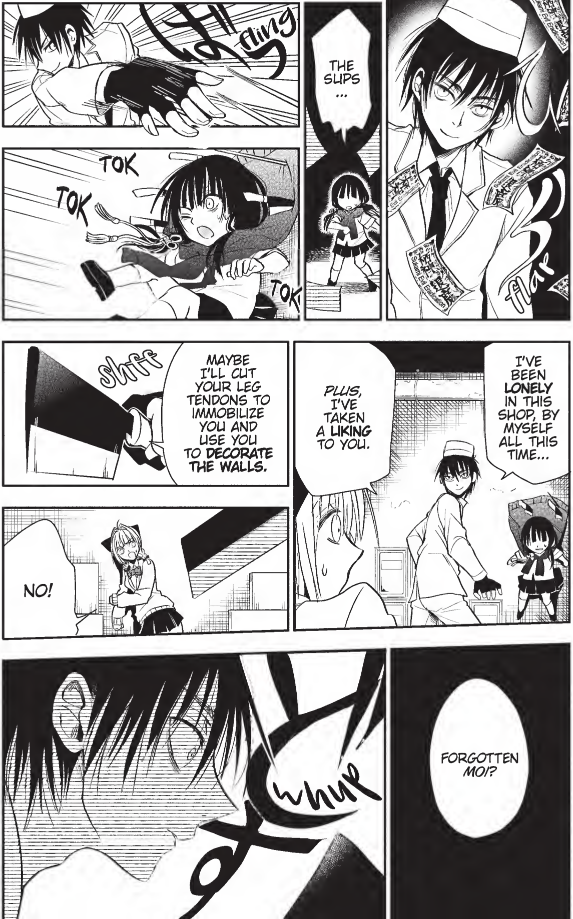
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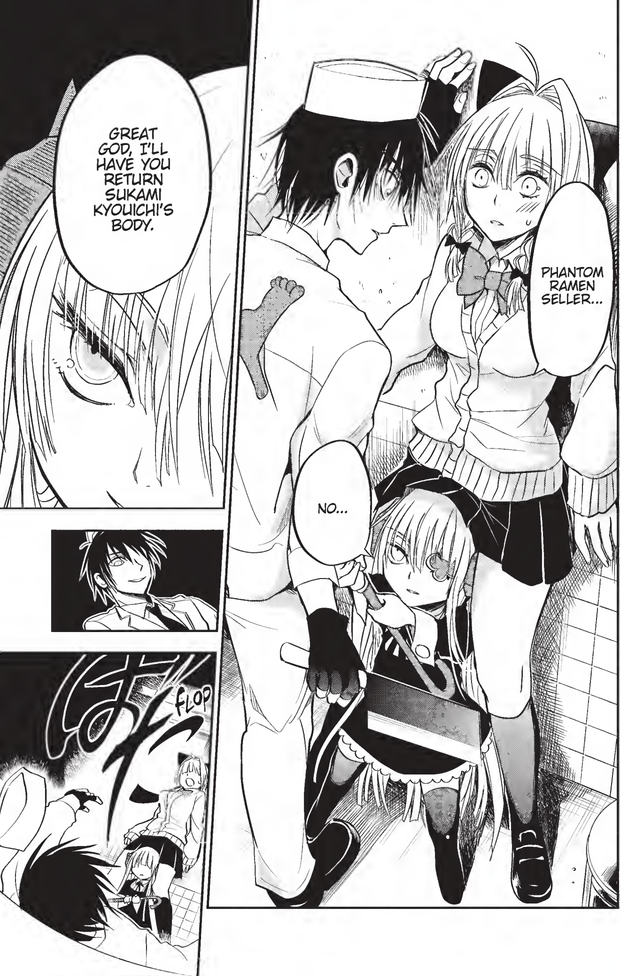
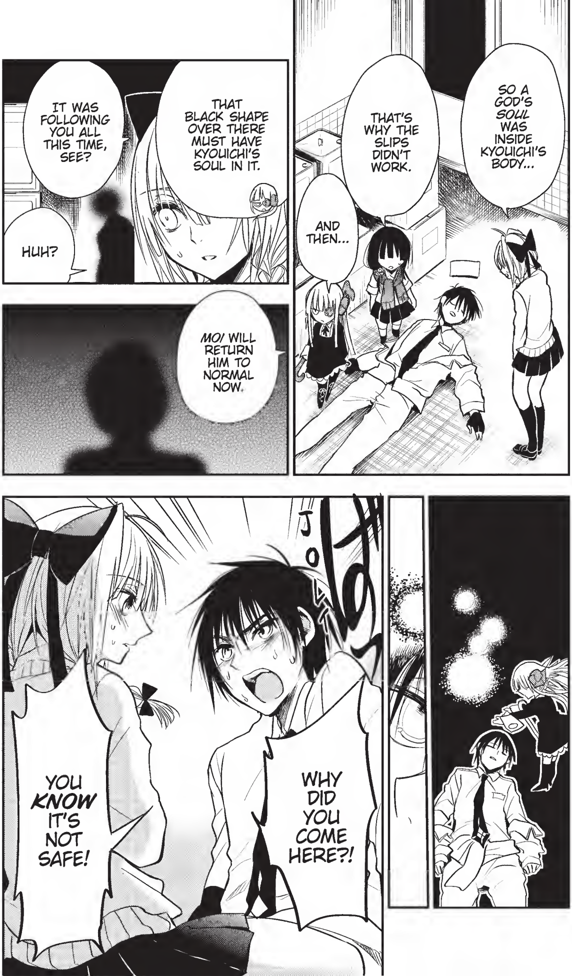
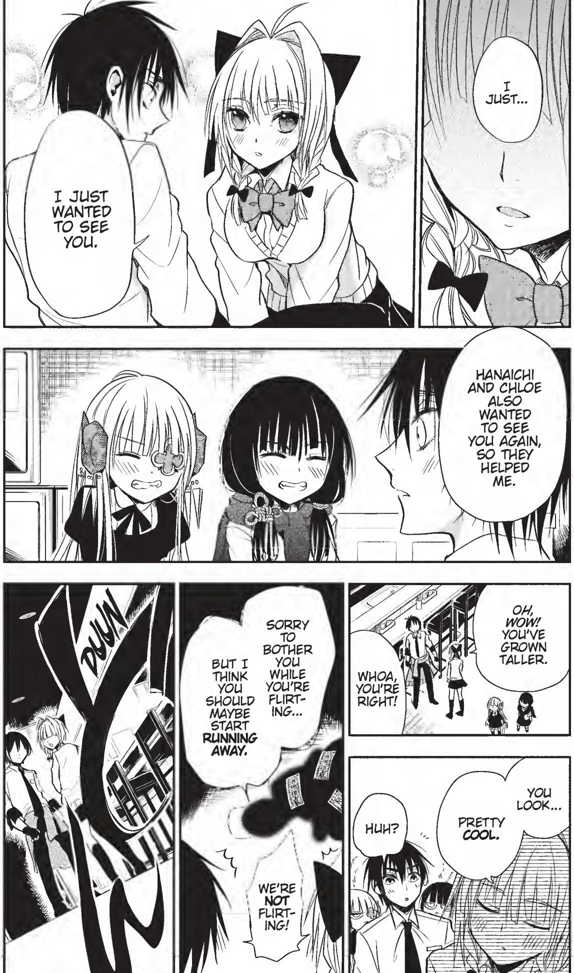
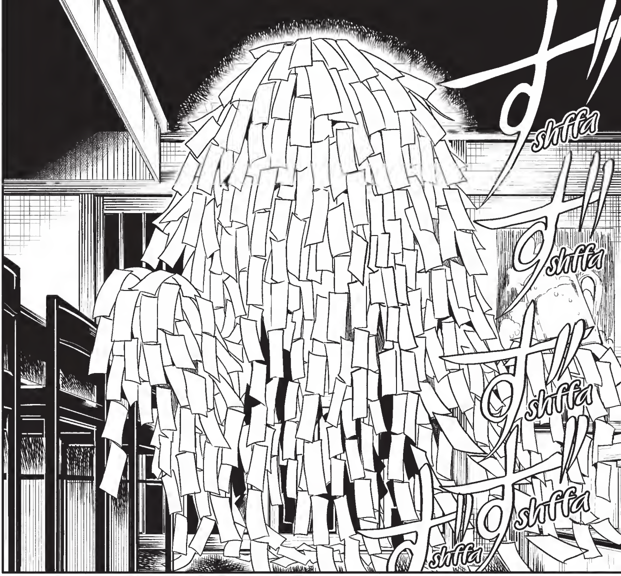
flar
THE SLIPS ...
fling
TOK
TOK
TOK
I'VE BEEN LONELY IN THIS SHOP, BY MYSELF ALL THIS TIME...
PLUS, I'VE TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU.
MAYBE I'LL CUT YOUR LEG TENDONS TO IMMOBILIZE YOU AND USE YOU TO DECORATE THE WALLS.
shff
NO!
FORGOTTEN MOI?
whup


PHANTOM RAMEN SELLER...
NO...
GREAT GOD, I'LL HAVE YOU RETURN SUKAMI KYOUICHI'S BODY.
FLOP


SO A GOD'S *SOUL* WAS INSIDE KYOUICHI'S BODY...
THAT'S WHY THE SLIPS DIDN'T WORK.
AND THEN...
THAT BLACK SHAPE OVER THERE MUST HAVE KYOUICHI'S SOUL IN IT.
IT WAS FOLLOWING YOU ALL THIS TIME, SEE?
HUH?
MOI WILL RETURN HIM TO NORMAL NOW.
JOLT
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?!
YOU *KNOW* IT'S NOT SAFE!


I JUST...
I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU.
HANAICHI AND CHLOE ALSO WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SO THEY HELPED ME.
OH, WOW! YOU'VE GROWN TALLER.
WHOA, YOU'RE RIGHT!
YOU LOOK...
PRETTY **COOL.**
HUH?
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU WHILE YOU'RE FLIRTING...
BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD MAYBE START **RUNNING AWAY.**
WE'RE **NOT** FLIRTING!
DUUN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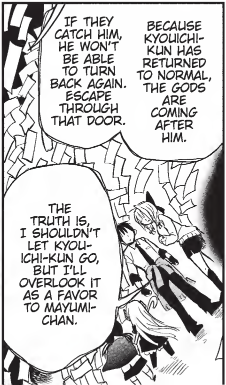
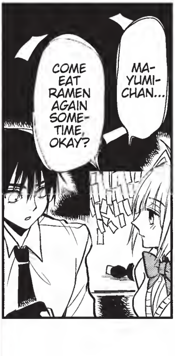
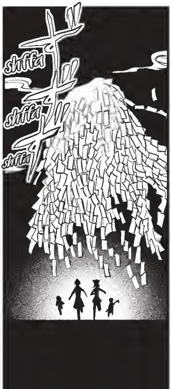

BECAUSE KYOUICHI-KUN HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL, THE GODS ARE COMING AFTER HIM.
IF THEY CATCH HIM, HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN BACK AGAIN. ESCAPE THROUGH THAT DOOR.
THE TRUTH IS, I SHOULDN'T LET KYOUICHI-KUN GO, BUT I'LL OVERLOOK IT AS A FAVOR TO MAYUMI-CHAN.


MAYUMI-CHAN...
COME EAT RAMEN AGAIN SOMETIME, OKAY?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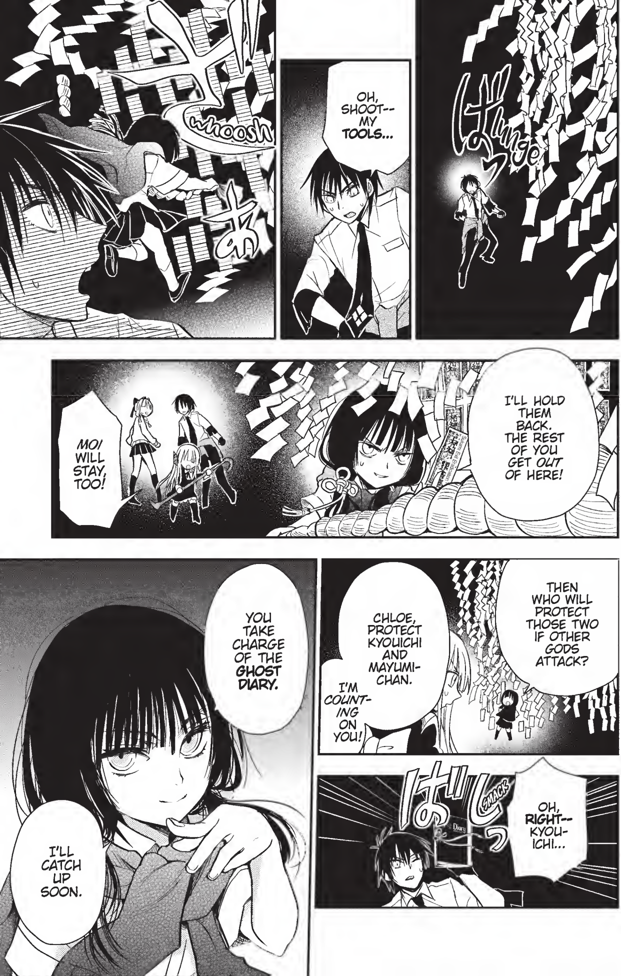
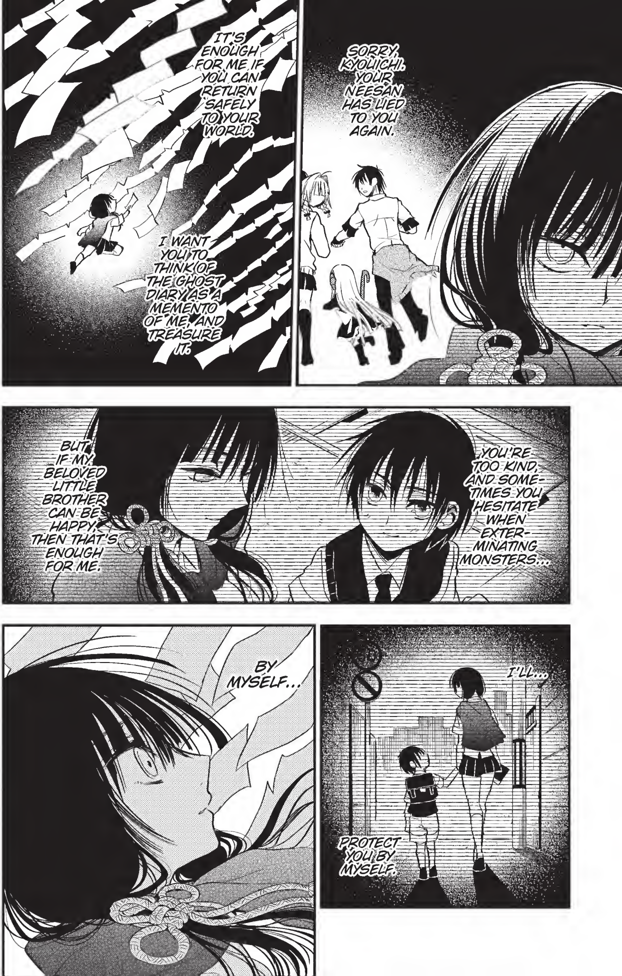
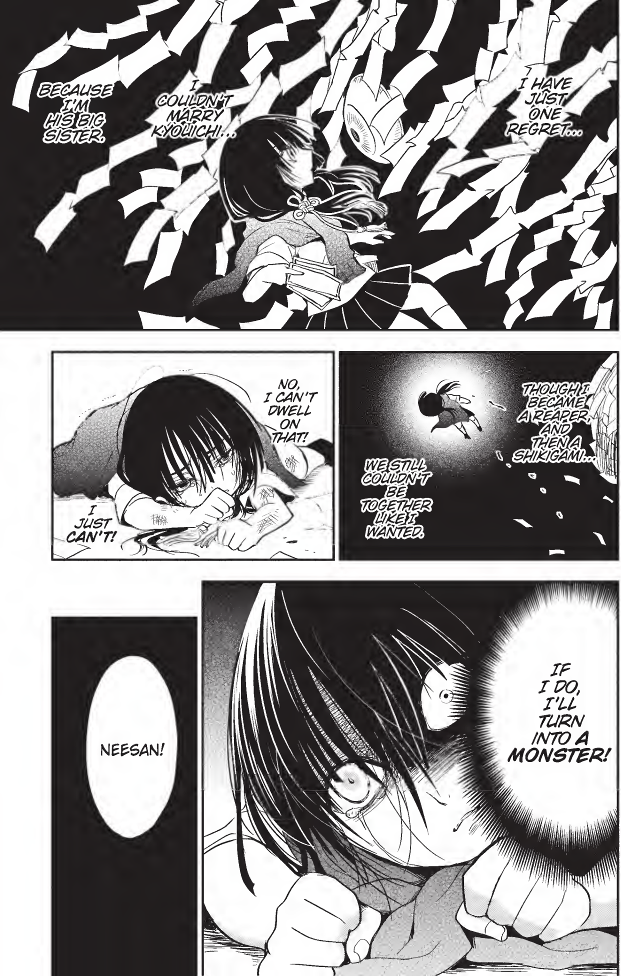
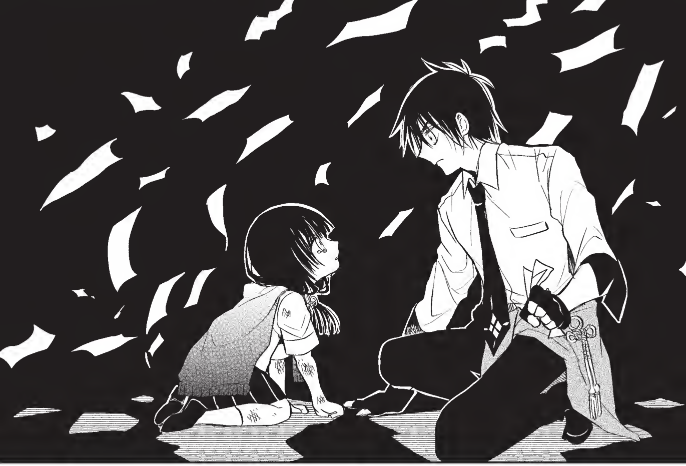
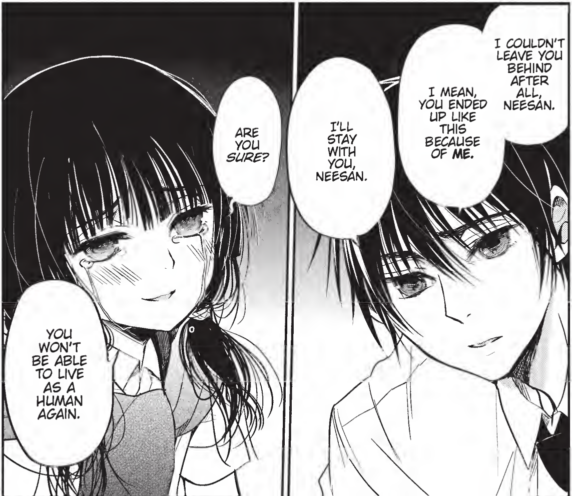
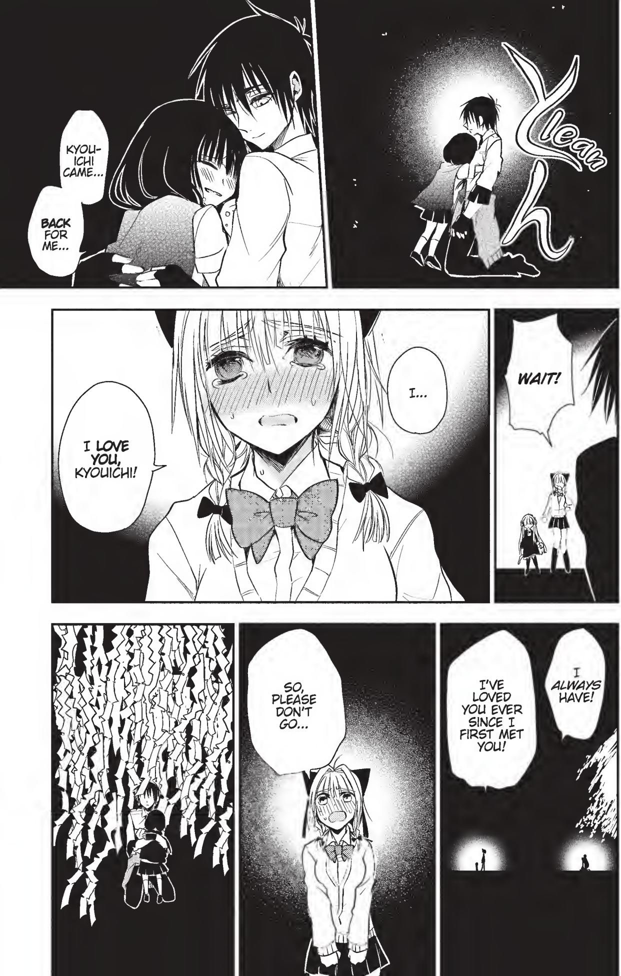

lunge
OH, SHOOT-- MY TOOLS...
whoosh
I'LL HOLD THEM BACK. THE REST OF YOU GET OUT OF HERE!
MOI WILL STAY, TOO!
THEN WHO WILL PROTECT THOSE TWO IF OTHER GODS ATTACK?
CHLOE, PROTECT KYOUICHI AND MAYUMI-CHAN.
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!
SMACK
Diary
OH, RIGHT-- KYOUICHI...
YOU TAKE CHARGE OF THE GHOST DIARY.
I'LL CATCH UP SOON.

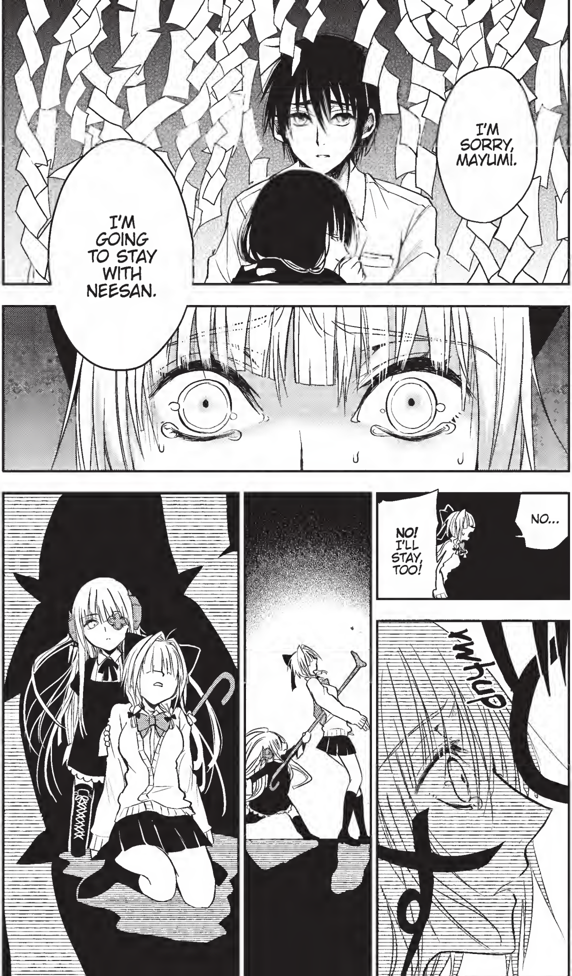

SORRY, KYOUICHI. YOUR NEESAN HAS LIED TO YOU AGAIN.
IT'S ENOUGH FOR ME IF YOU CAN RETURN SAFELY TO YOUR WORLD.
I WANT YOU TO THINK OF THE GHOST DIARY AS A MEMENTO OF ME, AND TREASURE IT.
YOU'RE TOO KIND, AND SOMETIMES YOU HESITATE WHEN EXTERMINATING MONSTERS...
BUT IF MY BELOVED LITTLE BROTHER CAN BE HAPPY, THEN THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
I'LL...
PROTECT YOU BY MYSELF.
BY MYSELF...

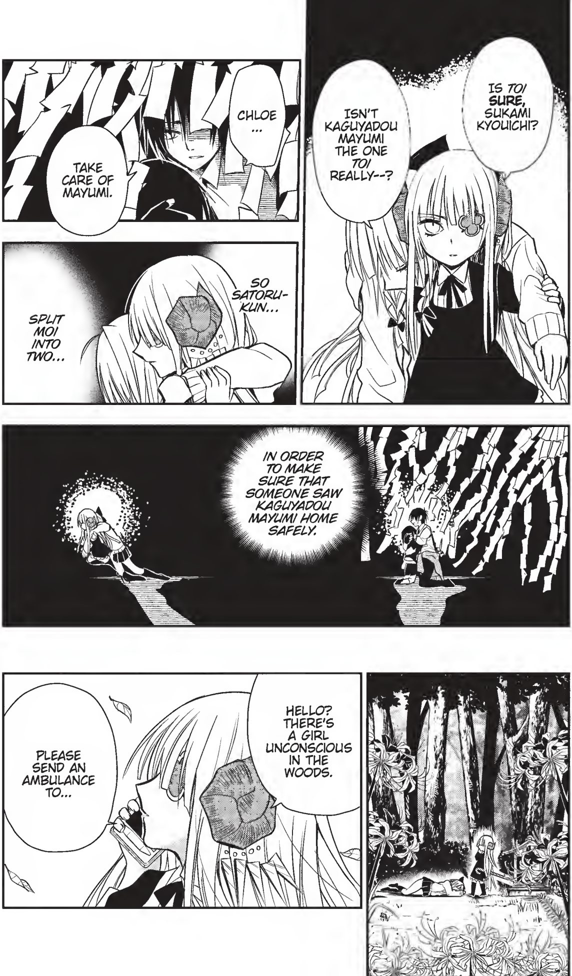

I HAVE JUST ONE REGRET...
I COULDN'T MARRY KYOUICHI...
BECAUSE I'M HIS BIG SISTER.
THOUGH I BECAME A REAPER, AND THEN A SHIKIGAMI...
WE STILL COULDN'T BE TOGETHER LIKE I WANTED.
NO, I CAN'T DWELL ON THAT!
I JUST CAN'T!
IF I DO, I'LL TURN INTO A MONSTER!
NEESAN!

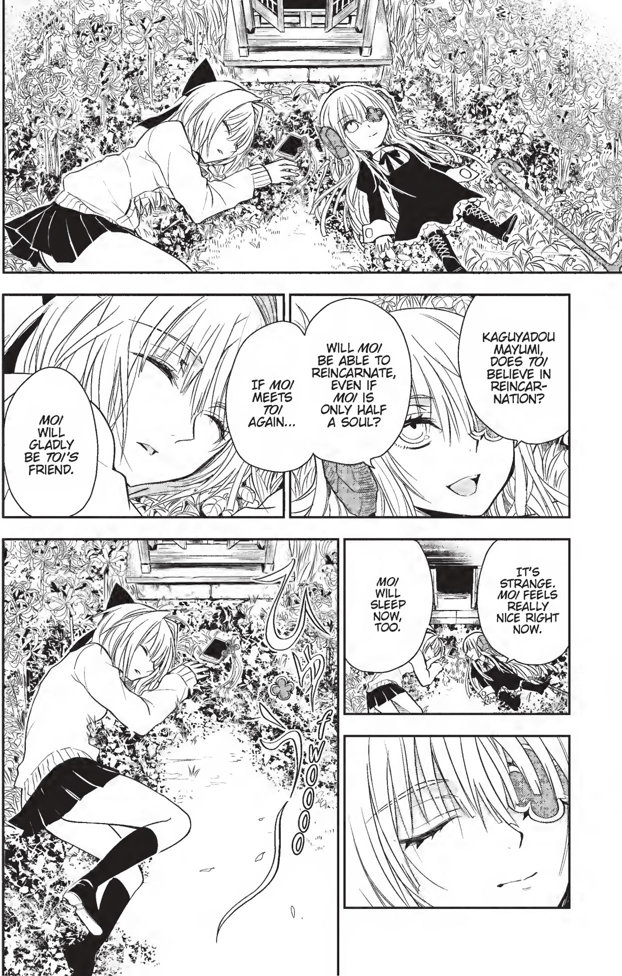


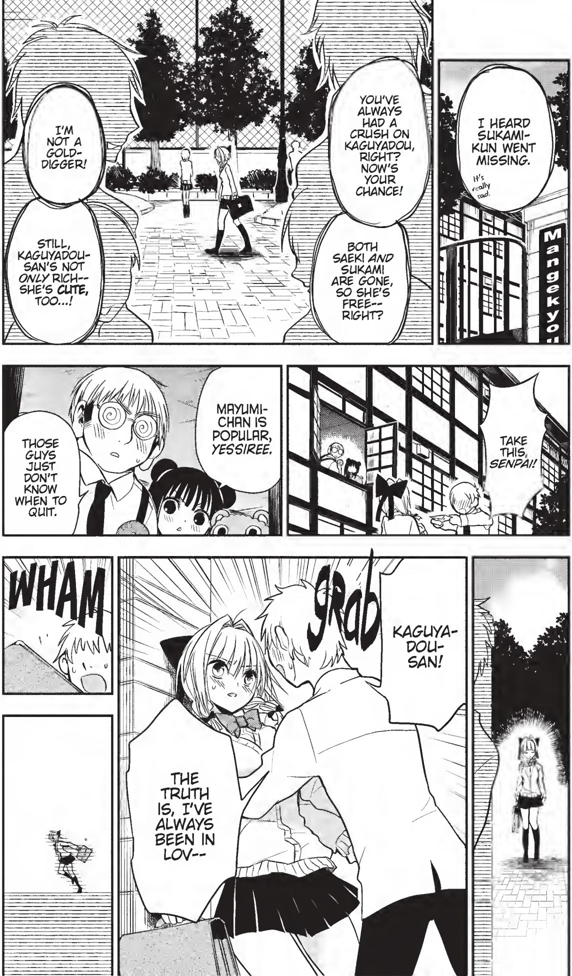

I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU BEHIND AFTER ALL, NEESAN.
I MEAN, YOU ENDED UP LIKE THIS BECAUSE OF ME.
I'LL STAY WITH YOU, NEESAN.
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE AS A HUMAN AGAIN.

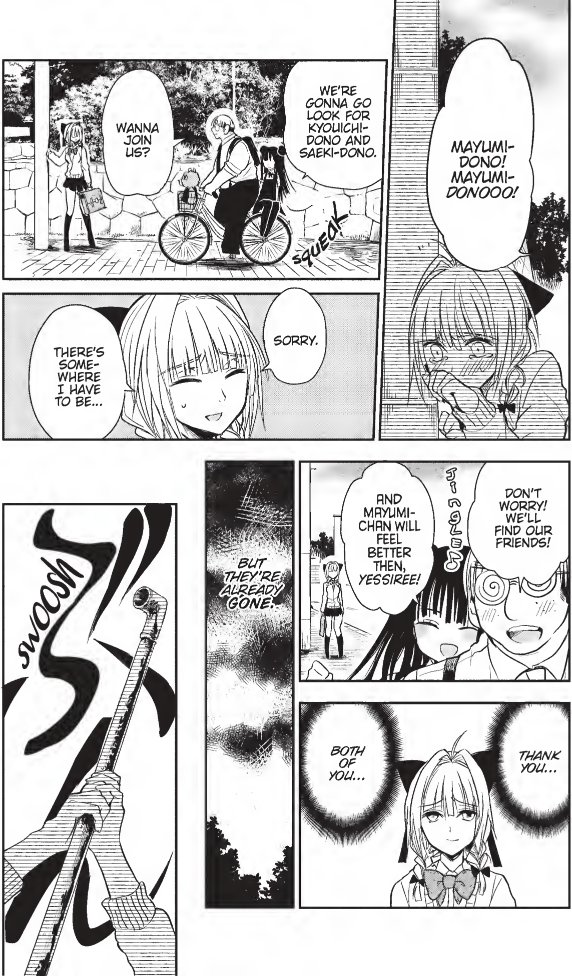

Lean
KYOU-ICHI CAME...
BACK FOR ME...
WAIT!
I...
I LOVE YOU, KYOUICHI!
I ALWAYS HAVE!
I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE I FIRST MET YOU!
SO, PLEASE DON'T GO...

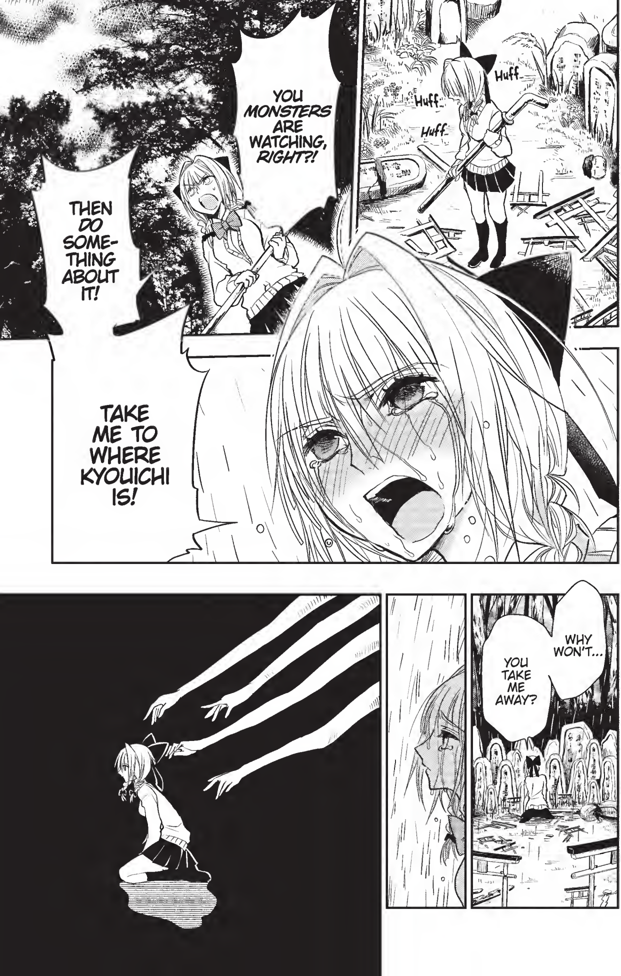

I'M SORRY, MAYUMI.
I'M GOING TO STAY WITH NEESAN.
NO...
NO! I'LL STAY, TOO!
whup

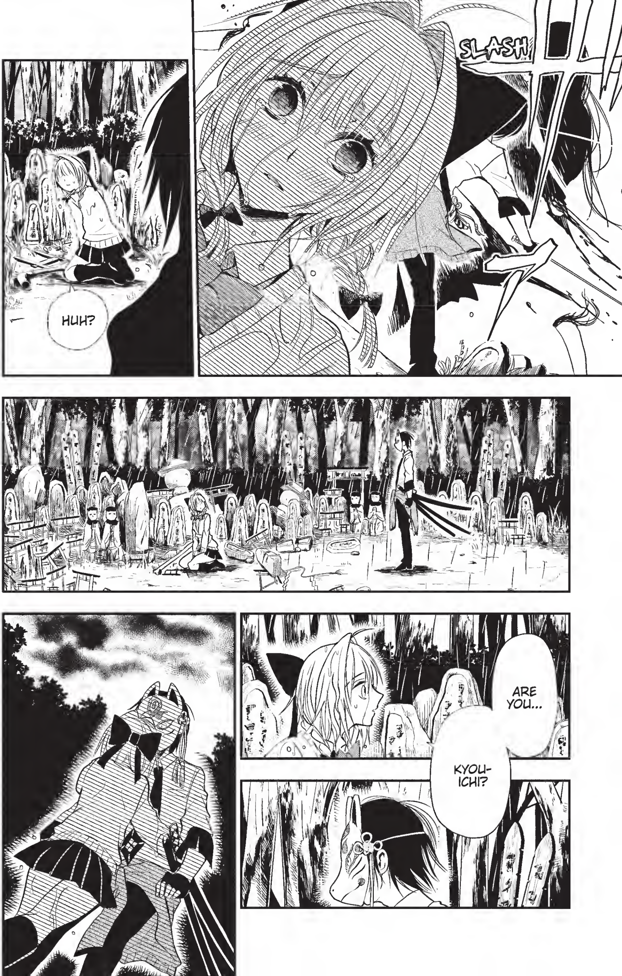

IS *TOI* **SURE,** SUKAMI KYOUICHI?
ISN'T KAGUYADOU MAYUMI THE ONE *TOI* REALLY--?
CHLOE ...
TAKE CARE OF MAYUMI.
SO SATORU-KUN...
SPLIT MOI INTO TWO...
IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT SOMEONE SAW KAGUYADOU MAYUMI HOME SAFELY.
HELLO? THERE'S A GIRL UNCONSCIOUS IN THE WOODS.
PLEASE SEND AN AMBULANCE TO...

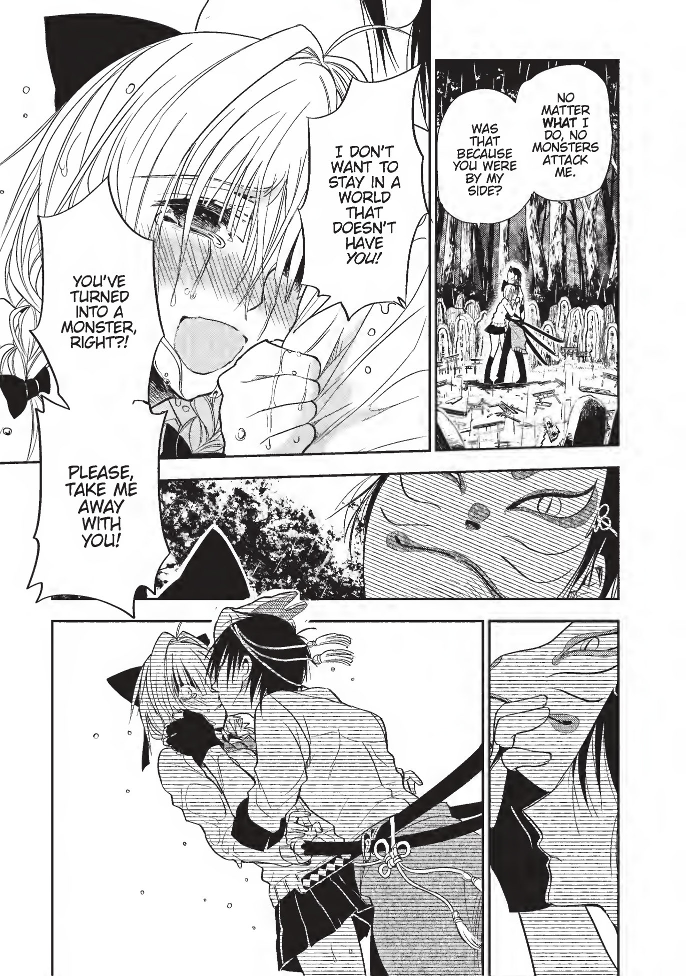

KAGUYADOU MAYUMI, DOES *TOI* BELIEVE IN REINCARNATION?
WILL *MOI* BE ABLE TO REINCARNATE, EVEN IF *MOI* IS ONLY HALF A SOUL?
IF *MOI* MEETS *TOI* AGAIN...
MOI WILL GLADLY BE *TOI'S* FRIEND.
IT'S STRANGE. *MOI* FEELS REALLY NICE RIGHT NOW.
MOI WILL SLEEP NOW, TOO.
fWOOOOO

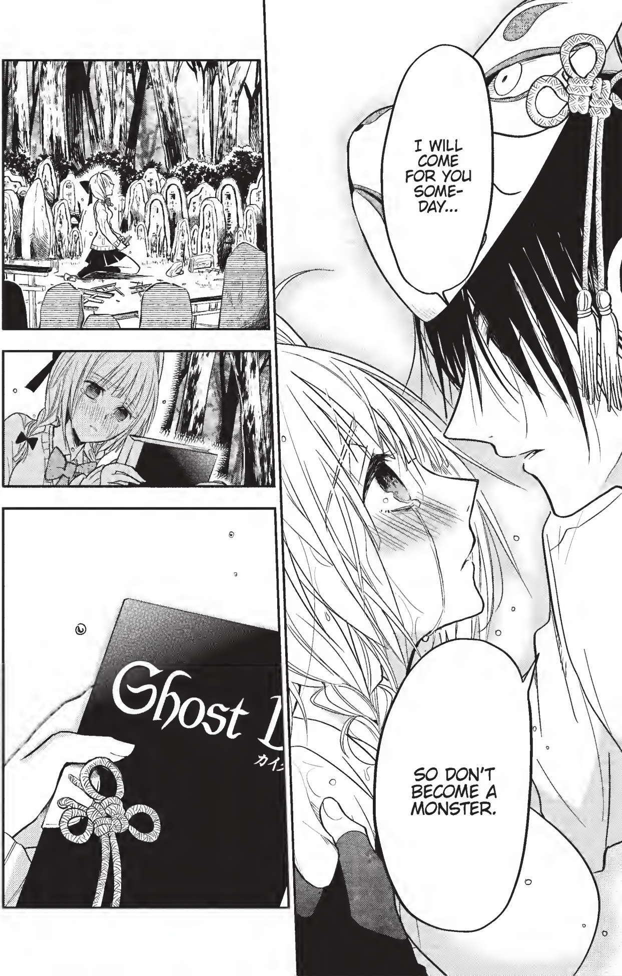

I HEARD SUKAMI-KUN WENT MISSING.
It's really sad.
Mangekyou
YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD A CRUSH ON KAGUYADOU, RIGHT? NOW'S YOUR CHANCE!
BOTH SAEKI *AND* SUKAMI ARE GONE, SO SHE'S FREE--RIGHT?
I'M NOT A GOLD-DIGGER!
STILL, KAGUYADOU-SAN'S NOT *ONLY* RICH--SHE'S **CUTE**, TOO...!
TAKE THIS, *SENPAI!*
MAYUMI-CHAN IS POPULAR, *YESSIREE.*
THOSE GUYS JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT.
KAGUYA-DOU-SAN!
grab
THE TRUTH IS, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN IN LOV--
WHAM

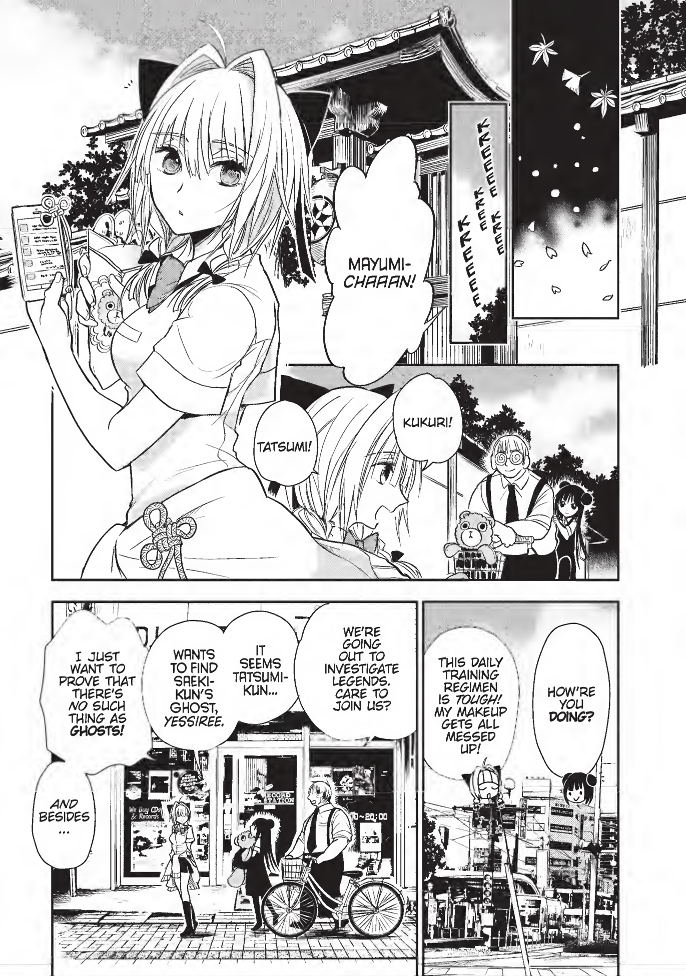

MAYUMI-DONO! MAYUMI-DONOOO!
WE'RE GONNA GO LOOK FOR KYOUICHI-DONO AND SAEKI-DONO.
WANNA JOIN US?
squeak
SORRY.
THERE'S SOMEWHERE I HAVE TO BE...
DON'T WORRY! WE'LL FIND OUR FRIENDS!
Jingle
AND MAYUMI-CHAN WILL FEEL BETTER THEN, YESSIREE!
THANK YOU...
BOTH OF YOU...
BUT THEY'RE ALREADY GONE.
swoosh


Huff...
Huff...
Huff...
YOU *MONSTERS* ARE WATCHING, *RIGHT?!*
THEN *DO* SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
TAKE ME TO WHERE KYOUICHI IS!
WHY WON'T...
YOU TAKE ME AWAY?


SLASH
HUH?
ARE YOU...
KYOU-ICHI?


NO MATTER WHAT I DO, NO MONSTERS ATTACK ME.
WAS THAT BECAUSE YOU WERE BY MY SIDE?
I DON'T WANT TO STAY IN A WORLD THAT DOESN'T HAVE *YOU!*
YOU'VE TURNED INTO A MONSTER, RIGHT?!
PLEASE, TAKE ME AWAY WITH *YOU!*


I WILL COME FOR YOU SOMEDAY...
SO DON'T BECOME A MONSTER.
Ghost


KREEEE KREE KREE KREEEE
MAYUMI-CHAAAN!
KUKURI!
TATSUMI!
HOW'RE YOU DOING?
THIS DAILY TRAINING REGIMEN IS TOUGH! MY MAKEUP GETS ALL MESSED UP!
WE'RE GOING OUT TO INVESTIGATE LEGENDS. CARE TO JOIN US?
IT SEEMS TATSUMI-KUN...
WANTS TO FIND SAEKI-KUN'S GHOST, YESSIREE.
I JUST WANT TO PROVE THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS GHOSTS!
AND BESIDES...
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We Buy CDs & Records
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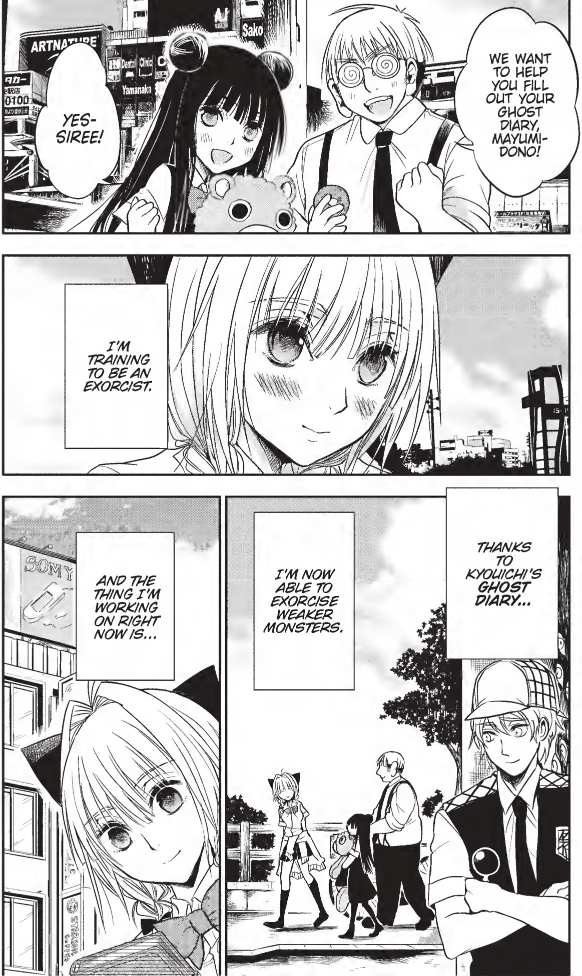
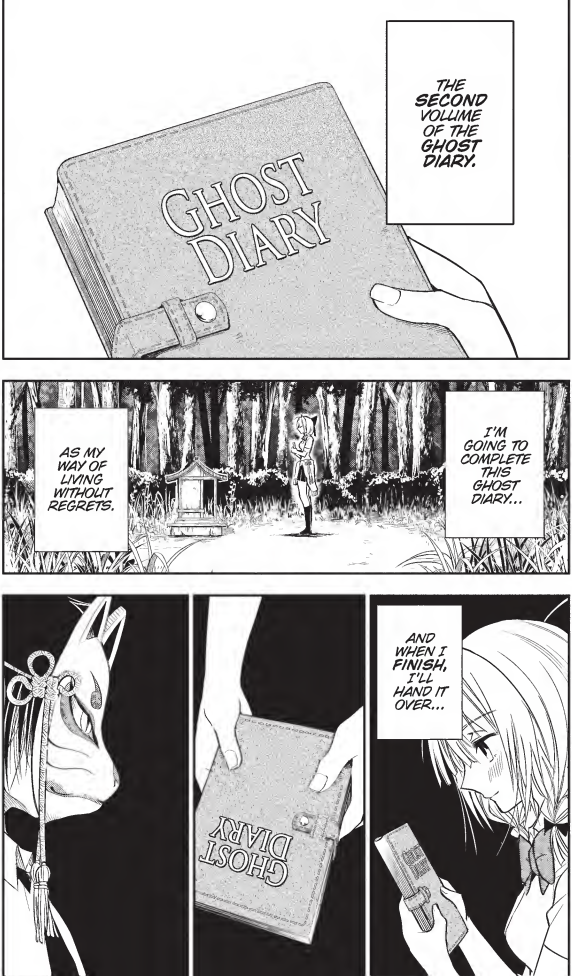
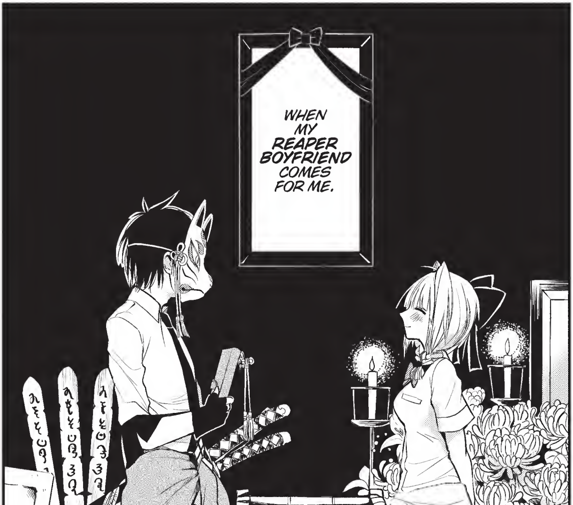

WE WANT TO HELP YOU FILL OUT YOUR GHOST DIARY, MAYUMI-DONO!
YES-SIREE!
ARTNATURE
Sako
Dental Clinic
Yamanaka
I'M TRAINING TO BE AN EXORCIST.
THANKS TO KYOUICHI'S GHOST DIARY...
I'M NOW ABLE TO EXORCISE WEAKER MONSTERS.
AND THE THING I'M WORKING ON RIGHT NOW IS...
SOMY


THE SECOND VOLUME OF THE GHOST DIARY.
GHOST DIARY
I'M GOING TO COMPLETE THIS GHOST DIARY...
AS MY WAY OF LIVING WITHOUT REGRETS.
AND WHEN I FINISH, I'LL HAND IT OVER...
GHOST DIARY
GHOST DIARY


WHEN MY REAPER BOYFRIEND COMES FOR ME.

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Afterword

2015.11.28
Seiju natsumegu

How did you like *Ghost Diary?*
With this chapter, the tale of *Ghost Diary* has reached its conclusion.

Though it ran for one year and three months, because it was my first series, I've still had many new experiences since: drawing color title pages, releasing my first collected volume, and having the bookstores set up special displays (even feature displays and autographed books!).

Being able to do a series of my beloved mystery stories is something I still can't believe, even now.

The truth is, the final stage of *Ghost Diary* is when I began to really study manga and scripts, so I started to notice things that I wasn't able to do. As far as I'm concerned, there are many things that I don't have a grasp on even now... I'm a monster. *Ha ha ha!*

With this work too, I think, "If I'd studied earlier, couldn't I have drawn something a little more interesting?" Well, thanks to *Ghost Diary*, I've at least figured out what my weaknesses are and started working on fixing them.

Above all, I was very happy that there were people who told me that they like *Ghost Diary*, and look forward to more. There were even kids doing cosplay of it! Goodness me, thank you very much.

Now that I've finished drawing, I feel lonesome--but also relieved to have fully completed a series.

I'd like to make use of these experiences when making my next manga. I'll do my best to draw something more interesting. I'll be really grateful if you check out my future works.

Well then--I hope we meet again!

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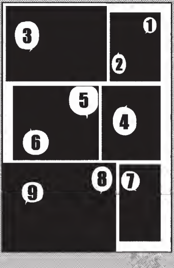

REAPER ON THE RUN

A vengeful monster is out to get the Sukami family! The Occult Club is on the hunt, but they have to be extra-careful, because making eye contact with the monster is a one-way trip to insanity. Meanwhile, emotional turmoil is stirring up all sorts of trouble. First, a lovestruck Chloe quits working on the Ghost Diary and *then* she disappears, meaning Kyouichi's got *two* missing people to find now. It's the final volume of the paranormal drama, and the stakes have never been higher—or creepier. Will Kyouichi *ever* find his sister?

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